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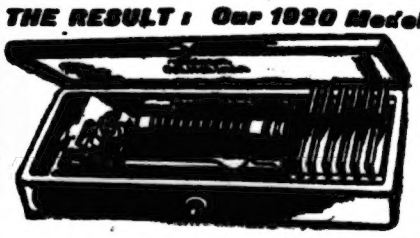

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.

The Kaiser.

Mr. Lloyd George *will* have his joke. He is again talking about the punishment of the Kaiser. How long will the House of Commons stand this nonsense?

Other War Criminals.

And, by the way, what has become of those submarine and other German officers who, we were told, were safely under lock and key over here awaiting their trial for war crimes? Have they been sent home?

The *Brussels*.

Thanks to our timely protest, Capt. Fryatt's vessel has been saved from the fate which an unimaginative Government had ordained for her. If only we had a Director of Propaganda!

"Scarlet Fever."

So the War Office is trimming over this crimson nonsense, and khaki will still be the general uniform of the Army. Its abolition would amount to the destruction of the most sacred symbol of the modern world.

The Budget.

What is the meaning of the mysterious delay in taking the final stages of the Finance Bill? We hear strange stories of what is going on behind the scenes in the hope of weathering the House of Commons storm which is threatened on the Committee stage.

Cook's New Tours.

We understand that Thomas Cook & Son are about to issue circular tickets, to enable the holders to follow the Supreme Council round the various fashionable watering places. All tickets for Spa, we believe, are already booked. There may, however, be some for Margate later on.

Ireland.

It is a significant commentary that whilst the Government goes on devoting day after day to the consideration of the new Home Rule Bill—mouthing of freedom and self-determination—Ireland itself is going from bad to worse. The government of the country has ceased to be a political problem.

General Dyer.

Although the *Sunday Express* was a little too previous in its announcement, we have little doubt that this gallant officer will be duly exonerated and reinstated. Our recent article demanding this act of justice has called forth a chorus of approval from every part of the country, many letters of eulogy coming from soldiers who served under him.

The New War.

It is quite like olden times to pick up the newspapers and read of "Great Capture of Turkish Prisoners" and other military exploits. The news certainly was getting very dull. Good old Churchill!

A Naval Mem.

Commenting on one of our recent articles, the American journal *Our Navy* says: "We know, and you know, that the U.S. Navy did more in ten minutes than the Royal Navy in ten months." More what?

Downy Birds.

It is not difficult to divine the failure of the Plumage Bill Committee to obtain a quorum. Whilst members are desirous of placating the anti-cruelty party, they are not unmindful of the votes of their constituents interested in the feather trade. What a farce these "upstairs" Committees are!

YOU

NEED A HOLIDAY!

See page 20.

Lord Derby.

We have good reason to believe that as soon as things settle down in France, our Ambassador will ask to be relieved of his post. He has certainly done well.

Olympic Games.

Britain must buck up if she is to hold her own at Antwerp at the forthcoming athletic festival. After all, aren't games of skill more in our line?

The Independent Group.

During our recent absence on the Continent the Independent flag has been gallantly borne aloft by our colleague, Mr. Charles Palmer, M.P.—whom the *Times* describes as "that rising junior." He will soon be taking silk.

The New Judges.

Congratulations to the Lord Chancellor on passing over the political candidates for the new judgeships, and also upon his bold experiment in filling one of them from the County Courts. Had this practice been established earlier, the late Judge Woodfall, of Westminster, would undoubtedly have been a brilliant acquisition to the King's Bench.

The Government's Life.

We do not share the views of those who think that the present Government is likely to go out at an early date. It is the most pachydermatous ministry of modern times.

£350,000,000!

That is the amount represented by the depreciation in the market value of the various War Loans, as compared with the issue prices. Do you wonder that the Government is unpopular?

A State Lottery.

Can anyone doubt that the system of drawings for the redemption at par of Victory Bonds issued at £85 was a pure, unadulterated Lottery! And despite anything the Law Officers of the Crown may say, we contend that it was absolutely illegal.

The *Deutschland* at Brighton.

Everybody at Brighton is visiting the monster German submarine, which, as already announced, will soon have to be broken up in compliance with the terms of the Peace Treaty. What prices her periscopes, torpedo-tubes, and other parts will fetch at the auction!

"Little Ben."

One of the most active of the younger school of politicians is little Wedgwood Benn. It seems to us as but yesterday when we listened to his maiden speech, whilst his father sat, with tears of pride in his eyes, opposite us below the gangway.

Mrs. Snowden's Conversion.

On the principle that there is more joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons, we hail the recantation by Mrs. Philip Snowden of her Bolshevik sympathies. May the good work continue. Now what says Sylvia?

"A Traitor Parson."

Thus we recently stigmatised the Rev. Richard Lee, of Dundee. The reverend gentleman now honours us with a postcard telling us that he looks upon our "rag" as "false and mischievous" and our "patriotism as an accursed pestilence." May brotherly love continue!

That Indemnity.

One result of the Boulogne Conference, it is said, is that Germany is to be made to disgorge 150 millions a year—and simultaneously with the announcement our Government issues a "White Paper" showing that she can pay nothing at all. As we have already said, the Premier *will* have his joke!

Local Limerick.

(*Mr. Albert Kemp, of Croydon, who plays the piano 48 hours at a stretch, is training to play 100 hours without a stop for a £10,000 prize at Chicago.*)

There's a pianist who'll play, he has said,
Until one hundred hours have sped;
Well, we all should be glad
This non-stopping lad
Doesn't live in the flat overhead!

The Commissionaires.

The Corps of Commissionaires has a rule that works harshly on some ex-Service men. One who wished to join has been informed that at the age of 50 he is too old. In 1915 he was not too old to be sent to France with a fighting battalion and to be kept there until 1920. Nor was he too old to win the D.C.M. The Corps is a fine body, but we thought its idea was to help the old soldier as well as the young one.

The Jam Ramp.

When control was taken off jam prices a few weeks ago, we cast doubt on the Food Controller's pious opinion that retail prices would remain "on a reasonable basis." Our scepticism would seem to have been justified; manufacturers are now stating that they cannot make strawberry jam to retail at less than 2s. 4d. a lb., while the very cheapest kind is to cost 1s. 6d. Mr. McCurdy promised to keep an eye on the jam makers; this looks more like squinting.

School Age.

It is a mother that writes to us, and she expresses what many mothers think. Her boy, one of eight children, became 14 a few days after a new school term commenced. As she has to work to keep the home going, the boy must stay from school to help; therefore, she is summoned, and pays, and is summoned again. She asks two questions:—"Are our children our own?" and, "What about the cradles—it will make the mothers busy, won't it?" We pass her queries on to the L.C.C.

A Useless Union "Ticket."

The thousands of people in the rank and file of unorganised labour who subscribe their shillings to qualify for membership of the Workers' Union seem to get unusually little for their money. If a member applies to be taken on as a casual hand at the Docks he is told that the "Workers'" is not a recognised Society, and the same bar prevails in the building and other industries. In its advertisements, the Workers' announces that its objects are to remedy the grievances of unorganised labour. Here is a grievance very close to its doors which calls for redress.

"Prerogative of the Crown."

In failing to secure the ejectment from Eton Road, Stockton, of four ex-Service men, with an average of a quarter of a century with the Colours to their credit, the Admiralty has received a nasty rap over the knuckles. It was sought to "exercise the prerogative of the Crown" in such a way as to ignore the provisions of the Rents Restriction Act, under which no tenant can be ejected unless alternative accommodation is offered. However, the Stockton Bench made short work of these pretensions, and we are glad to say that the ex-Servicemen remain in undisturbed possession of their homes.

How for High?

A Mrs. King, living at 122, Rye Hill, Newcastle, paying a house rental of about £50 a year, advertised unfurnished rooms to let. A local man wrote for particulars, and in reply was informed that the weekly rent of two rooms would be £2 10s. a week. "How is this for profiteering?" he wants to know. It seems a good sample of its sort.

A King's Town.

Kingston-on-Thames is a stately place. But of course it possesses a Union. That Union needed a Clerk to its Master—a clerk who knew something about workhouse books, typewriting and shorthand, and who was to be non-resident on the premises. The salary offered—tell it not in Gath—was £40 a year, but there was a bonus of £59 16s. per annum—less than £100 all told. It strikes us that the non-resident Master's Clerk would soon qualify for residence within that Union.

Shop Stewards.

"Ca Canny," a Portsmouth Dockyard man, agrees that Trades Unions are responsible for a lot of unconscionable loafing. His experience is that shop stewards—who often are the cause of much trouble—"are very rarely, if ever, elected from the honest working mechanics, but almost invariably from the clock-watchers, the time-dodgers, and the perforated gasbags who can do everything except what they are paid for." Comment would spoil so delicate a compliment.

Labour Exchange Hours.

"Rex" complains that he has to walk from Battersea to attend the Exchange at Clapham between the hours of 9.a.m. and 11 a.m.—"just at a time when a journey Citywards in quest of work would probably be more advantageous and successful." Apparently the distinguished gentlemen who run these somewhat unfruitful and expensive shows do not care to be troubled in the afternoons. A nap after dinner and tea after the nap makes 'em so tired.

After Ireland, the I. of M.

In the Isle of Man, Anglophobia has lately been fomented by an article in the local *Examiner* by a female who signs herself Dorothy Eyre, in the course of which she calls the English visitors to Manxland "marauders," "invaders" who "create their own chaos," and "blatantly override . . the courteous simplicity" of the native Manx. With "courteous simplicity" the gentle critic proceeds to refer to our "parasitical blood-sucking," our "all-conquering offensiveness," and our "desecration" of Manxland—large words that suggest that Dorothy Eyre is a venomous "young person" who likes to give herself airs.

Grubbe's Grunt.

The recent dictum of Mr. Grubbe, the East Ham Stipendiary, in a case to which we have already referred, does not impress us. A 16-year-old lad, it will be remembered, was convicted of an indecent assault on a girl of 9. The Magistrate let off the youth under 12 months' supervision of the Probation Officer. "How can I contain myself with a fellow like this walking about the streets?" protested the father. "I am afraid you must keep your children indoors," answered the Magistrate. That children should be kept indoors as the only protection against beasts outdoors is assuredly the very ineptitude of Magistracy.

"Dora" Be——!

Will somebody with a massive intellect—say, Mr. Lloyd George—kindly explain why in the year of our Lord 1920 a British citizen, living in an alleged free country, should be unable to purchase a bottle of whisky between 2.30 on Friday afternoon and noon on Monday?

Manners—and Customs.

A London man wishes us to reveal "what is going on in France with English people returning to England." On leaving Dieppe, his handbag was turned out and his English silver confiscated. For 12s. he was given 10 francs, but on protesting he received 15 francs. "This was done by the Customs Officers." In the absence of explanation, we must call it sheer robbery.

In Sleepy Sussex.

Southwick, in Sussex, has got a German field gun; nobody knows why. It arrived months ago behind a couple of cart-horses, was dumped on a bit of ground opposite the station, and tastefully mounted on a few old planks. Its coming was not marked by any ceremony, and there has been none since, nor does a soul in the place appear to know a single fact about the derelict. Down it was dropped, and there it remains. However, it amuses the children, so perhaps it is really a blessing.

Shame in Ships.

Is it nobody's business to put an end to the scandal of young girls going aboard ships—generally foreign ships—in Penarth Dock, and there spending the night with sailors in the forecastle? The girls are to be seen leaving the vessels in the morning. We have noticed several cases in the Courts arising out of this traffic in British girls. Sometimes they are inveigled aboard and sometimes they go on their own free will. If there is anybody in Penarth behind this commerce we hope means will be found to bring him or her to book.

The Morning Paper.

In Winchester the Education Committee permits schoolboys to deliver newspapers at early morn and dewy eve. That is quite correct, and very nice for the people of that lovely cathedral city. But the said Committee ignores the petition of Basingstoke—also within its jurisdiction—for a similar privilege. So, in the latter town, under threat of Police Court proceedings, the boys have been dismissed, much to their parents' distress and their own dismay, while the newsagents who looked after them have lost a host of customers. "Equality of service" is unknown at Winton.

Parental Despotism.

We are glad to hear that the refusal of the Vicar of St. Martin's, Bletchley, to marry a girl about to become a mother, though her sweetheart desired to "make an honest woman of her," was not due to any narrow views on the part of the reverend gentleman, but to the father of the would-be husband—who was under age—forbidding the banns after the first publication in Church by the Vicar. The incident demonstrates the need of altering the law so as to sweep away such uncontrolled power of parental veto; it is a mediæval anomaly that the parents should have the right to prevent the wedding of their sons or daughters under 21—even in such circumstances—when the law permits marriage at an earlier age.

Local Limerick.

(*A woman, charged at the Thames Court, had called at the police station and asked for a double drop of whisky.*)

There was once a lady who yelled
For a double of Scotch; she was quelled
By the curt intimation
That police at the station
Don't sell it—'twas she that was celled.

Exile and Economy.

Though many British women in Russia—for the most part governesses and teachers prior to the war—are still in towns unoccupied by the Reds, they are unable to leave owing to poverty. The British Government give steerage passage only on proof of utter destitution. A long voyage in these conditions would be dangerous and disgusting to enfeebled, educated women. More Governmental economy miplaced!

Hymns for the Blind.

There was a lot too much piety about the management of the hymn festival, in aid of St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers, at All Saints' and the Congregational and Wesleyan Churches at Blackheath. The income was £17 3s. 7d., and the expenditure—printing tune books and words of hymns alone absorbed £15 11s. 4d.—£15 18s. 10d. Notwithstanding all this hymn singing, therefore, St. Dunstan's received only £1 4s. 9d. The parsons concerned could have raised more by selling a few old clo'.

Weight at Wight.

A Southampton reader suggests that the Isle of Wight Central Railway is trying hard to become self-supporting. No charge was made for two ordinary canvas deck-chairs which he took with him on crossing from Southampton to Cowes, but on entering the train at Cowes an inspector insisted on charging 1s. 6d.—"Weight under 8 lbs." The ticket for conveying a passenger weighing 1½ cwt. the same distance, says our informant, is only 1s. 3d. Caution forbids us to emphasise his point unduly. The Company might raise the passenger fare.

Shylock and Inverness.

Two members of the Inverness Burgh School Management Committee, the Rev. John Macleod and Mr. William Fraser, have protested against pupils of the Royal Academy and High School attending a performance of "The Merchant of Venice." It is difficult to conceive the type of mind that can see any possibility of harm arising from intelligent schoolchildren witnessing one of Shakespeare's finest plays. That two such do exist in Inverness, the town that is proud to claim Mr. Matheson Lang as a native, adds a spice of humour to a nauseating incident.

A Liverpool Quagmire.

With reference to our recent comments on the morass-like condition of the roadway at Stanley Tip, Liverpool, which causes unavoidable cruelty to horses, the Lord Mayor informs us that neither the Tip itself nor the road leading to it is under the control of the Corporation. But surely the authorities possess power to compel the owners to effect an improvement, even if only on the ground that such a quagmire is a nuisance. According to a report by an Inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., there can be no question as to the disgraceful state of the roadway, even if Corporation officials can find "nothing to complain about."

No Wages.

Civilians on a weekly wage at No. 1 Transportation Stores Depot, at Audruick, Pas de Calais, France, went to the office for their wages on a recent Saturday—to be informed that there was no money for them. As many of the men have to support wives and families in this country, a great deal of hardship has been caused. Hadn't the Minister any cash, or did some well-paid superabundant official lose his memory?

Our Dead in Belgium.

When is all this irritating nonsense of procuring passports and photographs, interviewing Justices to obtain signatures to both, and then finally attending in person the Belgian Consul to be viewed by that illustrious official, before being able to visit the graves of our dead in Belgium, to be stopped? The Belgian Government were not so very particular as to the Britons we "deported" to their country from 1914 to 1918. Now that Belgian soil is rich in British bones, they might at least spare us the aggravation of this officialism.

When Doctors Differ.

The Chairman of the Islington Guardians kindly answers our "Candid Communication" to him, regarding the midwifery nurse—operated on after an assault by a patient—whose small pension was withdrawn. He explains this was because two specialists had certified that she would be fit for duty again, and that the Guardians paid her £50 in discharge of all claims. Against these facts we cite the opinion of the other surgeon who, as we stated, does not concur in her presumed fitness, and the plea of the nurse herself — and she *knows* —that she is not strong enough to resume.

A Corpse on the Couch.

From all over the country we are receiving painful accounts of the increasing seriousness of the housing problem. A grim story reaches us from Nuneaton. A girl of 15 died of heart disease, and because of the cribbed, cabined and confined conditions under which the family to whom she belonged were compelled to exist, the poor child's corpse had to be laid out for three days on an old couch in the room where the rest of the family lived. Subsequently the mother and her surviving children were evicted and were forced to sleep in a yard, later being granted the luxury of shelter in a stable. And we have a Ministry of Health!

The "Missing" Mystery.

The case of L.-Cpl. W. Branch, 9644, 1st Devons, is put before us by his mother. On 10th February, 1919, we find her writing to the Officer-in-Charge of No. 2 Records at Exeter saying that Branch, who had been reported missing, was "now found to be a prisoner-of-war somewhere in Germany." Replying the following day, the Officer said that a postcard received, which Mrs. Branch has no doubt was written by her son, had been "forwarded to the War Office for inquiries to be made to verify it." From that day to this Mrs. Branch has heard nothing, nor has the postcard been returned to her.

For the Holidays.

This week another 40 Holiday Prizes are to be won in our "Bullets" Competition. If you want to secure your holiday expenses, send in your "Bullets" this week. See page 20.

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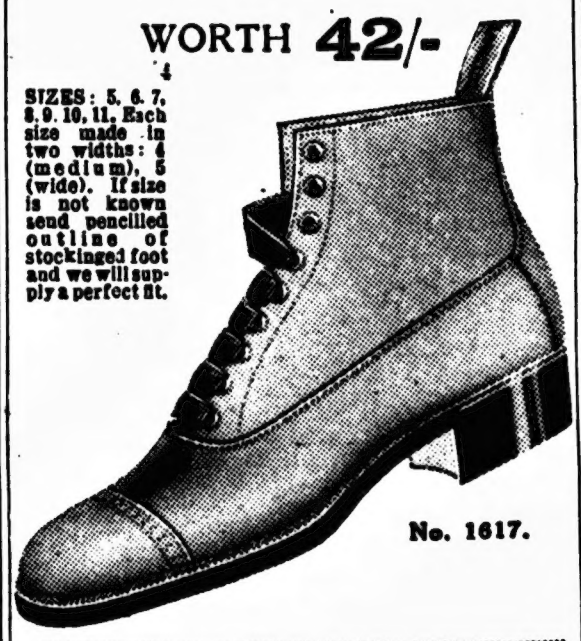

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CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This space is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To Dr. Aberdein Milne, Medical Superintendent, Grosvenor Sanatorium, Ashford, Kent.

DEAR DOCTOR,—On 26th April Harry Stephen Backshall was sent to your Sanatorium. His case was practically hopeless, and on May 18th, suffering and helpless as he obviously was, he was put, with a nurse, into an ordinary railway carriage and compelled to sit during the whole of a four-hours' journey to his home at Worthing. He did not recognise his wife or children, and passed into his long rest just 36 hours later. Surely the Sanatorium should make more humane arrangements in these pitifully hopeless cases. Is there no proper ambulance at the institution? JOHN BULL.

To William Joseph Harris, Grocer, Axminster,

DEAR PROFITEER,—At one time you were Chairman of the local Food Control Committee. That distinction did not prevent you from incurring a penalty of £32 for overcharges on cheese. You have also been cautioned by the police. Yet you do not live and learn, for now you are caught selling a brand of salmon at 1s. 5d. per tin, whereas the Control price is 9d. It was sold wholesale at 6½d., so your overcharge was a wicked piece of profiteering. And I think the Magistrates, who said you conducted your business "in a very extraordinary and careless way," were too friendly in merely fining you £21. JOHN BULL.

To the Secretary, Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

SIR,—Your Society recently awarded a very high honour—its Gold Medal and vellum certificate—to Cecil Cornish, an Isle-of-Wight boy, for rescuing, at great hazard, Brigadier-General Nicholson, his son and Major Annesley, when their yacht capsized in the Solent. According to the General's own version, the boat met with the accident in very shallow water, about 100 yards from the shore, and he and his party could have reached land without difficulty or danger. I understand that you did not communicate with the General or his companions before awarding the medal, though usually the most searching inquiries are made. Perhaps you will agree that an explanation is desirable.

JOHN BULL.

To the Secretary, Messrs. T. W. Thompson and Co., Tottenham Court Road, London.

DEAR SEC.,—I have read your advertisement for a Timekeeper, six days a week, from 6.15 p.m. to 11 p.m., and am trying to puzzle out how you expect that timekeeper to keep time—or awake. You insist that only "men engaged during the day" will be "entertained." I hope the job is lively enough to keep their eyes open. Applicants must announce what wages they want, so I guess you are not anxious to pay much to a chap who has worked hard all day and comes to you to do another five hours at night. You should advertise, not for a man, but for a machine. JOHN BULL.

To Alderman G. Holman, J.P., Lewes.

DEAR ALDERMAN,—At a meeting of the Lewes Branch of the Comrades of the Great War, of which you are the President, you spoke very strongly on the fashion in which the work of local Pensions Committees is "held up time after time by the red tape methods and the bureaucratic domination of people in high office in London." You called it "sickening" and "heart-breaking"—expressions not one whit too forcible, as I know from my own experiences when fighting to obtain a generous measure of justice for the men who fought for us. I heartily endorse your protest. JOHN BULL.

To W. Slingsby Hunter, Esq., J.P., Chairman Petty Sessions, Kirkbymoorside, Yorks.

DEAR MR. MAGISTRATE,—In the case of Edward Harrison, an Oswaldkirk gamekeeper, I think you have overdone it. It is not in dispute that this man deliberately shot a foxhound—not fatally, but sufficiently seriously to cause it to howl with pain. The explanation of Harrison was that he thought the dog was one of some beagles which had destroyed 16 covert nests. Harrison's wages are 24s. a week, and out of this money he has to keep his wife and family. The Bench fined him the vindictive sum of £20. Now, sir, the leniency of Magistrates in cruelty cases is so notorious that I cannot but come to the conclusion that the infliction of this heavy penalty is due solely to the fact that the man shot a sacred dog. No foxhounds, no hunting! JOHN BULL.

To the Registration Officer, Paisley.

SIR,—I notice that you lately advertised in the *Paisley Daily Express* for "three temporary Clerks (female) to assist with the revision of the Register of Voters," at a wage of 25s. weekly. I presume it was because you were limited with respect to the pay that you did not venture to invite applications from ex-Service men. But no doubt you found plenty of girls, with no domestic responsibilities, who were ready to do the work for pocket money. It is to be hoped there are no unemployed ex-Service men in Paisley. JOHN BULL.

To Dr. J. C. Mottram, 5, Regent's Park Road, London.

DEAR DOCTOR,—I want to put in a word on behalf of the ex-Navy man, Baker, employed by you at your Newbury house, whom you are now proceeding to eject from the cottage there. Baker has worked thundering hard, but you have discharged him because he is not an expert gardener as well as handyman. That was known to you when you engaged him. My appeal to you is that you bear in mind what it cost him to move to your cottage, and that you will not cast him adrift without the means to return to his old environment.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. W. E. Williams, Chairman, Education Committee District Council, Enfield.

SIR,—The discussion in the Enfield Education Committee in regard to the observance in schools of Empire Day was, I am told, characteristic. One vacuous jackass raised a laugh by asking "Is it Empire Day or Hempire Day, Mr. Chairman?" and you replied that it all depended on the taste of the individual—as, ind ed, it does. The Council have two other outstanding specimens of authority in Councillor Froude and Councillor Hope. These men went to the bandsmen in Bush Hill Park and not only forbade them to conclude a performance with the National Anthem, but threatened them that if they did play it they would not get another engagement in Enfield. That such people should be entrusted by the voters with any share in the direction of local government is deplorable.

JOHN BULL.

"MONEYS DUE AND OWING."

INCREASE NOT PAID TO MEN WHO EARNED IT.

Temporary clerks employed by the Ministry of Labour have long agitated for an increase of wage. Many are ex-Service men, and numbers have been recently dispensed with, presumably through slackness. On top of their discharge, effective in April, came the decision to increase salaries by 6s. a week, to date back from Jan. 1, 1920. Surely the men who have gone, who worked from that date until April (say, four months), are entitled to receive the benefit of that "retrospective" advance? But, in the North-Western Division of the Ministry, and perhaps elsewhere, the answer is no:—"The award made is only provisional and can only be paid to officers in post, until such time as the award is definitely settled." Note the absurdity of it; the men kept on get the money for those four months; the unfortunate men discharged do not get it, though they worked for it, just as the lucky ones did. It is small consolation to bid the men wait for their £5 or so until a "provisional" award is made "definite." The money is due now—overdue, in fact—and should be paid now. It will be more useful to the old soldiers concerned than to their heirs.

BEXHILL'S BRILLIANT BENCH.

SERVING OUT "JUSTICE" AT THE SEASIDE.

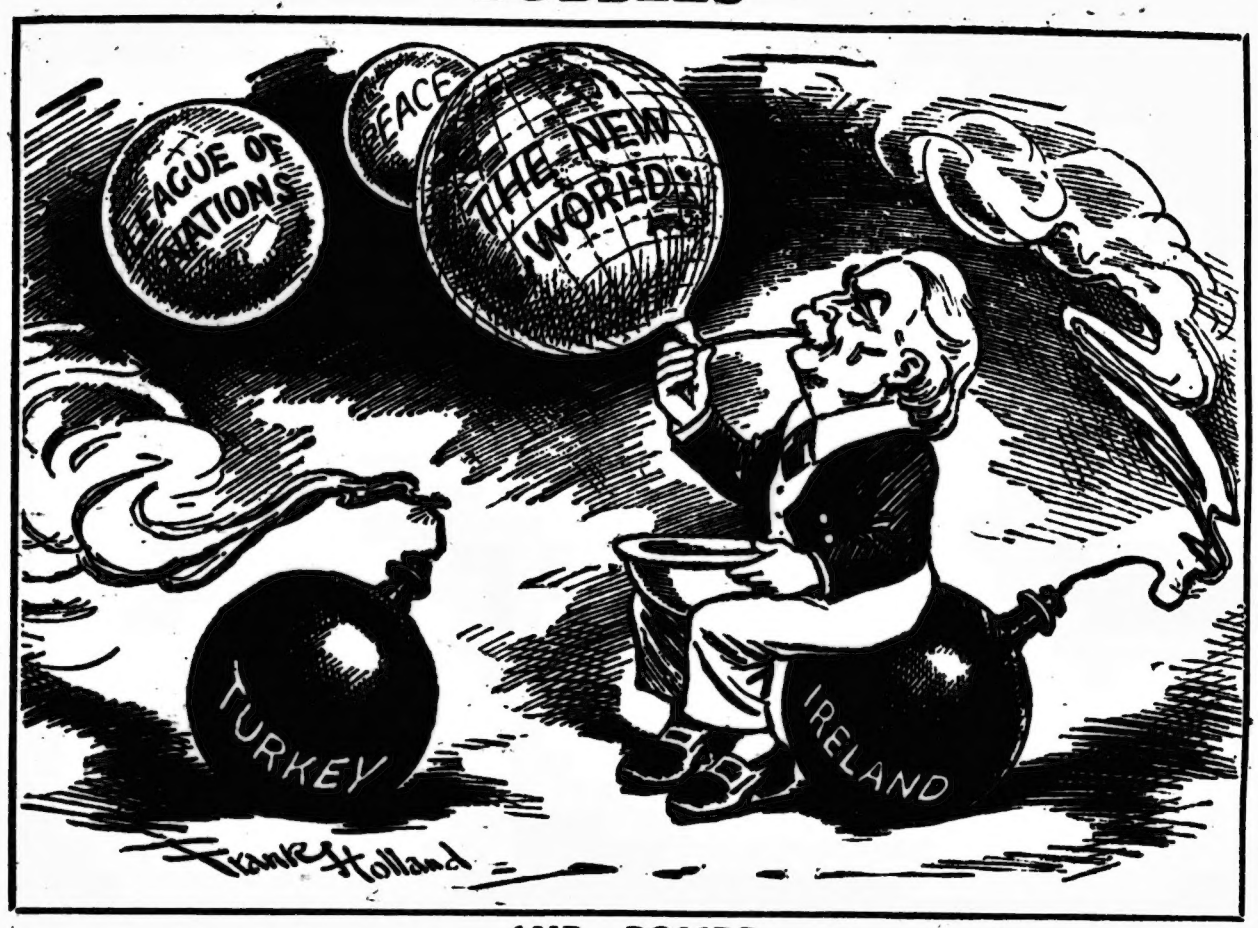
A few weeks ago a brute named Frederick Shoesmith was haled before the Bexhill Bench charged with "cruelty to a cat by killing it in an improper manner." The gentle Frederick's "manner" was to seize the unhappy cat by its hind legs and dash it repeatedly against his backyard wall, with the result that the R.S.P.C.A. Inspector found a large bruise on the animal's head, eight broken ribs, and bruises on shoulder, leg and back. For this shocking exhibition of savagery Shoesmith was fined 10s., with 9s. 6d. costs, and given a fortnight in which to pay! That is how the Bexhill Bench deal with a case of atrocious cruelty. But for more serious offences, such as singing in a side street, they have sterner methods. A poor woman was brought before them who admitted singing in Sea Road for the purpose of getting money. She had been previously cautioned. So the Bexhill cadis bent their Jove-like brows, realised their responsibility in the face of such a fearful crime, and sentenced the itinerant minstrel—a woman, withal!—to *seven days' hard labour!* Justice is a difficult weapon for fools to handle.

ANOTHER WOOLLY RAMP.

OLD OFFENDERS MAKE AN UNINVITED ENTRANCE

We have already published our opinion of the Record Drapery Co., 41, Carlisle Street, Bradford; Proprietor, N. C. Turner. We made no bones about stigmatising its methods as a "Record" swindle. There appear to be ramifications in its activities. A London woman responding to an advertisement, sent 9s. to John Smith (Proprietor, F. Musham), "Government Contractor," Ross Works, Birksland Street, Bradford. The cash was for woollen and serge articles—which, on arrival, were totally unsatisfactory. They were promptly returned by registered post and a refund of the money asked for. John Smith never replied a word, but, strange enough, the lady received a letter from the Record Drapery Co. asking for particulars. She supplied them, and has since written to the so-called Company, but once more the silence has been complete. Why the Record crew should butt into the affairs of John Smith, of the same town, is probably because there is an intimate connection between them. Readers will be well-advised to beware of offers of goods from unknown people in Bradford, or they may fall victims to the lure of the ramper.

BUBBLES—



AND BOMBS.

GOD SAVE THE R.I.C.!

"REAL" INJUSTICE IN "POOR DISTRESSED IRELAND."

It is very unfortunate that at a time when they are called upon to carry out their duty under conditions of the utmost peril the Royal Irish Constabulary should be allowed to suffer grievances that might be quickly and easily remedied. Owing to the undefendable condition of some of the police barracks, these buildings are being abandoned, and married men are transferred to other stations, leaving their families behind unprotected, and themselves suffering a loss of about £6 a month on account of having to join the mess at their new quarters, where charges range high, and keep their own homes going at the same time. There is a separation allowance, but it is a paltry 2s. a day for two months. Moreover, their gardens are, perforce, left uncultivated. If the men were paid a proper separation allowance they could live in lodgings and keep their wives at home better supplied with cash. A further grievance is that, owing to the danger to the men should they return to their homes for holidays, they are being pressed to go for a rest to the Welsh coast *at their own expense!* Surely men who are upholding the authority of the Empire in rebel Ireland, and daily carrying their lives in their hands, should receive more consideration.

Meanwhile, what of the larger issues? It is of small moment whether one calls the condition of Ireland anarchy or civil war; government, save that of the Sinn Feiners with their treasonable "Irish Republic," is non-existent; cities and villages are armed camps; the King's writ does not run; communications are paralysed; and in addition to the Constabulary and the Military, inoffensive civilians of both sexes, including children, are being callously done to death without a finger being stirred to save them. A Government which is powerless in these directions obviously cannot be expected to occupy itself with such matters as remedying the grievances of the R.I.C., let alone protecting them from the assassin's bullet!

LONG OATS.

GRAIN THAT TRAVELLED FAR WITHOUT MOVING.

Everybody knows that ships and cargoes have been sold over and over again to successive purchasers who have never inspected their bargains before passing them on to the next buyer. That is one reason why your food costs you more. It is evident that the same game of building up prices—like playing at "The House that Jack Built"—is carried on in connection with humbler articles than ships. Quite an interesting and enlightening story in proof comes from the neighbourhood of Sherborne. A farmer of the district sold 30 quarters of oats to a firm in the old Dorsetshire town. They sold them to people in Tower Street, London. They—the London people—ordered the oats to be transferred to a Limited Company at Emsworth, Hants. The new buyers instructed that the oats be handed over to a firm at Egham, who (the firm at Egham, we mean; but it does take some making clear!) passed them on to people at Croydon, who wished them to be forwarded to fresh buyers at Woking, who ——. But the story stops there for the present, even as the oats have remained at Sherborne while people sold and re-sold them.

As each of these temporary purchasers got rid of them at a profit, it is easy to see how the price has increased with every deal, to the detriment of customers who may, some fine day, buy them for "consumption," instead of as a merry little gamble at the expense of the public. We believe not one of these gamblers has ever seen the grain; they had pocketed their gains and smiled. The ultimate victims will smile on the other side of the face. We were under the impression that the Food Ministry had power to stop this kind of traffic by middlemen, just as it has power to prevent unlicensed speculation in whisky. Either we are mistaken, or the Ministry does not trouble to use its authority. Which is it, Mr. McCurdy? The matter is a serious one, and brooks no delay in face of the looming food crisis.

INSULT OR INSANITY?

IMPUDENT CANARD IN A CHICAGO PAPER

In the Chicago *Daily Tribune* of the 5th June appeared an impertinent paragraph, purporting to have been received from London, which begins: "Flats for Rent in the King's Palaces," and proceeds:—

> The signs don't read just that way, but it's a fact. The details: Some of the members of the royal household have had trouble getting suitable accommodations. So King George decided most of St. James' Palace might be rented to royal married couples as furnished apartments. The Prince of Wales has apartments at St. James'. Five-room furnished flats are to be leased for about $41 a week, and three-room apartments for about $30. Breakfast is included, but lunch and dinner must be obtained at Buckingham Palace for $3 a day.

Whoever in London despatched such a farrago of nonsense as the above, must either be afflicted with bats in his belfry or have meant to be studiously insulting. Unless his leg was pulled.

STARVED TO DEATH.

SHOCKING FATE OF ONE OF THE WORCESTERS.

An ex-soldier of the Worcesters, married, with a family, left his home at Gloucester for work, long-delayed, at Burton. Almost as soon as he started, he broke down, through semi-starvation. When removed to the Workhouse Infirmary, he was so far on the road to the Valley of Death that he could not remember who he was. They were kind to him at Burton, but it was all too late. The Guardians and others subscribed for his wife and children to journey from Gloucester, but they were unable to remain in Burton, because they could not pay for any lodgings—like dear, dying dad, they had no money. They could not return for the funeral, and, but for the Discharged Soldiers' Federation, the hero, done to death by starvation, might have found a pauper's grave. The soldier, husband and father, is gone, done to death by the neglect of an ungrateful country. But the poor, penniless widow and orphans remain among us. What shall be their fate? Will the unctuous, ultra-godly ones turn their backs on that stricken home in Gloucester city, while opening their purses for the dear Austrian children and the suffering Huns?

BARRING THE DERBY.

LEWISHAM SCHOOLMASTER AS PURITAN.

With over 20 years' service in the Army, one of our readers had never been able to see the Derby. Being in London this year, he made up his mind to attend the great race with his wife, and take his son, aged 13, with them. The following day the lady wrote to the Headmaster of Colfe Grammar School, Lewisham, explaining the circumstances of the lad's absence from school. "The absence of a boy without permission, which would not be given for a visit to the Derby," was the answer of the Headmaster, "is a serious breach of our rules under which admission was granted. We would prefer the withdrawal of your son unless the rules can be honourably kept." School rules are school rules, of course, and boys and parents alike are under obligation to keep them as consistently as possible; but, if the Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Leather Sellers grant leave of absence through their Schoolmaster to any boy for any reason, why is not leave to be given for a boy to visit the Derby meeting, which this father well calls "one of the sights of the world"? It is news to us that the Worshipful Company of Leather Sellers are puritanical pietarians. A visit to the Derby with the right sort of parents is a great educational picture for the right sort of boy.

THE TRAGEDY OF A SHATTERED HOME.

TEARING A NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL FROM HER PARENTS—A POIGNANT AND PATHETIC LETTER.

IT is a moot point whether Reformatories and Industrial Schools do or do not reform—whether they do not create and foster, instead of eradicate, criminal tendencies in the young; but it is certainly unquestionable that the exercise of the power to commit young children to these institutions is open to the gravest abuse, and leads to very much unjustifiable and unnecessary suffering on the part of both parents and children. Ultimately the system helps to create class-hatred by its evidence of one law for the rich and another for the poor, the children of the well-to-do not being torn away from their parents for a term of years on account of trivial offences or undesirable elements in their home life. Moreover, mere infants whom the State thus condemns to virtual imprisonment do not even enjoy the privilege accorded to the most hardened adult criminals of having their sentences shortened through good behaviour. They are put away—and there's an end of it!

We recently recorded the heart-moving appeal of Mrs. Atkinson, of Leyton, whose ten-year-old boy, of previously unblemished character, was for a trifling offence sent for six years to an institution at Liverpool (could no place nearer his home have been selected?) and this, too, by sentence of a Children's Court, which exists for the special purpose of meting out justice in accordance with the youth of the defendant. To-day we relate another veritable tragedy of humble life—the tale of a ruined home and a heart-broken father and mother, due to the imprisonment (there is no other word) of a child against whom no offence of any kind is alleged.

The story begins at the end of 1918, when a first-class Petty Officer in the Navy, a man whose conduct sheet from 1910 until his discharge last year is marked "Very Good," learned that his wife had gone astray during his absence. From her own frank admissions we are inclined to the belief that loneliness and the desire for a little liveliness and gaiety were very largely responsible. As a result of his wife's conduct, their only child, a little girl of nine, was removed from the mother's custody and sent to an Industrial School, where she was condemned to remain until she should be sixteen.

On his return to England, in May of last year, the husband forgave his wife. He then pleaded with the Home Office for the return of the child, and in October last was informed by Whitehall that "the School Managers are not prepared to release the girl on licence for the present"—an arbitrary use of power for which no official reason was given—but that the matter would be reconsidered if he renewed his application after he had received his discharge from the Navy and settled in civilian employment.

Heartened by this assurance, the Petty Officer obtained his discharge, thus sacrificing his career. His wife had given a solemn pledge to reform, and had kept her word, and on his release from the Navy he once more approached the Home Office. On June 11th he was given this exhibition of Whitehall soullessness: "I am directed by the Secretary of State to say," ran the official letter, "that he has caused enquiry to be made and regrets that he cannot take any action in the matter." Again, the reader will notice, no reason is given for the decision, and no indication is afforded that the so-called "enquiry" was of anything but the most perfunctory nature—possibly going no farther than the interchange of a couple of formal letters.

Already deprived of his child, the ex-sailor was next to be bereft of his wife. The letter from the Home Office arrived during his absence from the house, and was opened by the mother. Until then, she had faithfully kept her promise to reform, but the curt brutality of the official intimation caused a revulsion. When the husband arrived home, he found the following poignant message pencilled on the back of the Home Office letter:—

> After this, Harry, I must bid you good-bye. You have been all a good husband could be to me, but while my child remains where she is we must live apart. I love my girl, and I have been straight since you have been home, and I did intend keeping so as long as there was breath in my body, but this breaks my heart. Don't upset yourself; you have been good and faithful to me. If I could have our only girl home we could all be happy. Otherwise we must now drift apart. Perhaps later my body may be found, as life is nothing to me now. If I return to the old life don't blame me; but these people you must blame. Good-bye, Harry; don't look for me. I refuse to return unless I have my girl.

The great-hearted husband sought and found the wife, and induced her to return home with him. But two shadows lie over his home, that of a child absent from the hearth, and an unhappy wife whose strongest incentive to marital faithfulness has been removed by officialdom. The presence of their child would confirm her good resolutions and keep her feet from straying, and make of her both a good wife and mother.

Is it too much to ask the Home Secretary that he will reconsider his decision—or, rather, that he will order a sympathetic investigation of the case, giving weight to all the circumstances? The only reason for tearing the child away from her mother no longer exists now that the father is restored to civilian life; indeed, we have it on the authority of a high official of the Women's Police, who interested herself in the matter, that the wife was anxious to remain straight and that her husband's permanent return home will help her to do so. In such a case, where the happiness of three human beings is at stake, cannot the Home Secretary exercise his prerogative? If he will restore the child to her parents, his act will be not merely one of mercy, but also of justice, and we confidently hope that the publicity we have accorded this domestic tragedy—and the main features of which, as we have shown, are by no means unique—will be instrumental in bringing about a happier sequel.

In the Barber's Chair.

Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford.

Mornin', sir . . . Wot's that? *Kin the lady come in?* Wot lady? That nice fluffy-'aired gal outside? Sure; she kin come in if she promises to set quiet, like a little lady . . . Eh? . . . *It's Mary Pickford?* Then I suppose you're 'er latest 'usban', Douglas Fairbanks? I might 'ave known you if you'd only grinned like that w'en you first spoke. Step inside, the two of yer. Jest take a seat on the lounge, young woman, if you *don't* mind, w'ile I attend to the gen'l'man. Wot's your trouble, mister—shavin'? Right-o. Set 'ere. An' try to keep your mouth shut fer five minutes, if you *don't* mind. Try to remember I'm a barber, not a dentist. The on'y chewin' machinery I'm interested in is me own. I can't do me best with a set of tombstones starin' me in the face.

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Wot, *I must do me best with you as you are?* W'y—is thet grin o' yours a fixture, then? You've overworked it an' it's got stiff, I reckon. An', ter tell you the truth, mister, I ain't a bit surprised. The silly, excitable reception wot the English crowds gave you an' your missis was enough to give you a fixed grin wot won't never come orf. I dessay you could 'ave almost 'ave kidded yerself you was some big soldier chap, not jest a stunter for the pic'shers. But don't you go thinkin' that the flappers an' fellers in the streets, wot nearly went outer their so-called minds with excitement w'en you an' your missis arrived, are average samples of us English. They ain't. They're the froth. Their brains is so shallow that they can't see thet, w'ile we're glad to see yer, the 'ole biz 'as 'ad more than a touch of the well-worked Yankee advertisement stunt about it.

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I don't blame you or yer missis. Bizniss is bizniss. But I do 'ate to see a section o' the English public letting off all this sloppy gush. I ain't sayin' you an' your misiss 'ere ain't good film actors. You're tip-toppers in your way. So is Charlie Chaplin. But none o' you ain't anythink to go dotty about. . . . I think thet'll do for *you*, sir. Now, Missis Fairbanks, wot's for you? *You think your 'air 'as curled enough already to 'ear me tork like thet to your 'usband?* Well, if you think it 'as, it'll save you expense. But look 'ere, young woman, don't you let 'em turn your pritty little 'ead. You're the greatest film actress, but I fancies you're an even better bizness woman, wot unnerstands the American art of advertisin' well enough to give lessons. . . . Wot, you're both glad I've torked to you straight from the shoulder? Then you ain't altogether spoilt as yet. Minjer, I blame the silly mob mor'n I blame you, so we won't say no more about it. Goo' day, mister! Goo' day, missis! Much erbliged, I'm shore! . . .

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The Limit.

Depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank cannot withdraw more than the sum of £1 "on demand." If a larger amount is desired, at least three days must elapse before the form applied for can be received and presented. Considering how the value of money has decreased during recent years, and how little can now be bought for the sum of £1, it seems If a larger amount is desired, at least three days be increased to £2.—CONSTANCE C. SWADLING, Windsor Road, Forest Gate.

"Above" the Lottery Laws.

In a daily paper of June 15th, I read of the prosecution (under the Lottery Act), of a London Mayor who had organised a Derby sweepstake to raise a certain sum of money for a charitable purpose. In another column of the same paper the following announcement appeared :—"The first draw of Government Victory Bonds will take place on June 25th." As everybody knows, the owners of the lucky numbers will win various cash prizes. Who will prosecute the Government ?—F. W. COTTRELL, Rectory Grove, Clapham, S.W.

The "Pin-Money" Brigade.

Lord Haig, in his appeal for ex-Service men, has not struck at the root of the evil—the soulless woman. Where an ex-Service man can do the work a woman is engaged on, a short Act should be passed permitting him to demand that berth. Where the woman so dispensed with can prove that circumstances compel her earning a livelihood, she in turn should be able to replace the woman there merely to swell her wardrobe and gewgaws. This would promote performance of the country's promise.—HENRY T. ROBERTS, Dewsy Street, Tooting.

"Justice."

On November 10th, 1918, at the Lord Mayor's banquet, Mr. Lloyd George spoke of the "justice" which was to be meted out to the Huns. Nearly two years has passed since then. The Kaiser is still unhung; Germany possesses an army of at least 500,000; out of 28,000 guns only 9,000 have been destroyed; and only 4,002 out of 37,000 machine guns are accounted for. This is not "justice," but weak-kneed sentimentalism or indifference. Perhaps our children will have more sense after the next war !——DOUGLAS C. WHITE, Church Road, Richmond.

"Bankrupt" Berlin.

When one reads of Berlin's most famous place of amusement and enormous dancing hall, the Palais de Danse—where throngs assemble every night and only champagne is obtainable—surely it is time for over-taxed Britishers to ask, when is Germany going to start paying the debt owing to us ? (Nothing can repay the loss of our noble men and boys !) As fast as it can be collected, our gold is going to America to pay for the dreadful war *we did not make*, and yet Germany's debt to us seems regarded as of little or no importance.—MRS. R. A. MILLS, Hermitage Road, Finsbury Park, N.

Labour Exchange Farce.

Recently, in the House of Commons, the Minister for Labour declared that the Labour Exchanges throughout the country were "justifying their existence." But how ? Here is a case in point. Within a short distance from London, thousands of men were required and employed, but after each came to the job he was asked if he had a "card" from the Labour Exchange. In almost every instance the answer was "No," and he was then directed to go to the Exchange and procure a "card" before he could start work. Is *that* how the "number of jobs found" is arrived at ?—G. H. WELCH, Wellhall Road, Eltham, S.E.

Choosing Cabinet Ministers.

The onus of re-electing Cabinet Ministers to Parliament should not fall upon a constituency, generally a "safe seat." Ministers practically control huge national interests, and surely in some form or other the nation should have a voice in the choice of these gentlemen. The economical disadvantage of a referendum is obvious, but what about a secret ballot of the "House," voting for nominated candidates—or, preferably, nominations by Members on the voting cards, with a second ballot to decide between those receiving an established minimum percentage of support in the first ?—JOHN CLARK, Walton Breck Road, Liverpool.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Miss F. E. Law.

"Anglo-German" Officer for India.

It came to my knowledge recently that a young man born of an English father (who is dead), and a German mother (who is living), had been appointed as an officer in the Indian Army. The influence exerted by the mother (which, needless to say, was distinctly pro-German) was apparent even to a casual observer. At such a critical time as the present, regarding the German and Bolshevik propaganda, is it discreet that such an appointment should be made ?—H. LOCKE, Stockwell Park Road, London, S.W.

The Southend Scandal.

The water-supply at Southend is now so bad, and the water is "cut off" so often during the 24 hours, that one can only get a wash at certain times of the day, and if residents and visitors alike don't arrange their meal-times to suit the Water-Company's convenience they can't have a cup of tea—"Water, water, everywhere, but not a drop to drink." As for the gas-supply, it very often takes 35 minutes to boil an egg ! And the local Council, which should deal with these matters, is "still sleeping." Will they awake soon enough to save the town from ruin ? —A. CLEMVILLE, South View Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea.

"Sauce" for the Gander !

We women are so often "regged" because of our clothing that it is interesting to notice that nearly three centuries ago action had to be taken because a certain section of the male population not only exposed to much shapely limb, but were also too fond of openwork and light-coloured stockings. Who were they ? The clergy ! Canon 74 of the Church of England (still in force), ordains that their apparel "be not cut or pinkt, and that in public they go not in their doublet and hose, without coats or cassocks; and that they wear not any light-coloured stockings."—MISS FLORENCE E. LAW, Glenavon Road, Strattord, E.

Disconsolate Consols Holders.

Thousands of old men and women, with their life-savings locked up in Consols, are in a grave dilemma. If they sell out many will lose half their money. The Government will not redeem at the low market price. These thrifty old people are receiving the miserable interest of 6d. per annum on each pound invested. Some are borrowing money even for common necessaries, although they hold Government stocks. Can support or confidence be expected for a Government which penalises old folk for having been thrifty in their young days ?—E. STEVENSON, Ravenslea Road, Balham, S.W.

Judicial Anomalies.

Judge Graham, of the Bow County Court, on 16th June refused to make an Order for possession *because* rent was owing; but at Shoreditch County Court, next day, Judge Cluer made several such Orders as rent *was* owing He had, he said, no discretion in the matter, in view of a decision by Mr. Justice Lawrence. This appears to be a law for the rich and another for the poor. How can a small property owner afford to go to the High Court—which would, besides, create bad feeling between landlord and tenant ?—C. W. COX, Wellington Road, Wanstead, E.

Rebuilding the Nation.

Before there is any increase in the birth-rate, work must be found for the parents; food, milk, and clothing come down to a reasonable level consistent with wages; and houses must be built where these children may live. If every M.P. would keep to his glib promises made at the last General Election—deport all enemy aliens, thereby freeing houses and flats, and leaving work open for our own unemployed; stop profiteering by drastic measures, *beginning at the top:* make Germany pay up, and fulfil all her signed obligations—then, and not until then, will Old England be blessed with happy homes, proud fathers and mothers, and plenty of A1 children. —L. MITCHELL, Princess Road, Manchester.

"Pussyfoot" Propaganda.

In the Prohibition campaign, the disciples of "Pussyfoot," by passionately pleading that teetotalism is only possible if liquor is unobtainable, are robbing the sin of lustful excess in the gown of martyrdom. This sentimental handling of human wickedness will not help to improve the morality of the toiling millions. The man who drinks his brain to folly, madness, or oblivion must himself be held responsible.—D. MACKOY MILLAR, "Parkside," Wick, N.B.

Inciting Poisoners.

On reading my newspaper this morning I was surprised to find particulars of how to poison anyone. The name of the article and the quantity required to do the horrible deed were mentioned. It was even stated that the poison was practically tasteless. This information was given by a witness at an inquest. Is it not time newspapers were prohibited from publishing these particulars ? There are enough murderers about already !—A. WATERHOUSE, Church Street, South Shore, Blackpool.

Hint to Housing Councils.

If every house could have a private yard and garden it would be a boon to mothers and children—and to the fathers also, who, if they had somewhere to sit, and get the fresh air, would often stay at home and read their papers in the summertime and have meals in the open. The British working man is not a fool; and, providing his wants are catered for in a fair and proper manner, the majority do not mind paying a little extra cost.—MRS. C. H. STEVENS, High Street, Doncaster.

Teach Boys a Trade.

Ninety-nine thousand men are still unemployed, the greater number of whom belong to the unskilled clerical class. On leaving school far too many boys are put to "genteel" jobs that lead nowhere. They have a cultivated distaste for hard work that involves dirtying their hands. The fault is national, and to a large extent due to snobbishness. Let the boy be put in a fair way to becoming a "tradesman" before he leaves school, and leave the "clerical" work to be done by women, who are better suited to it.—L. COBATS, Adelaide Road, N.W.

Not for the Exchequer !

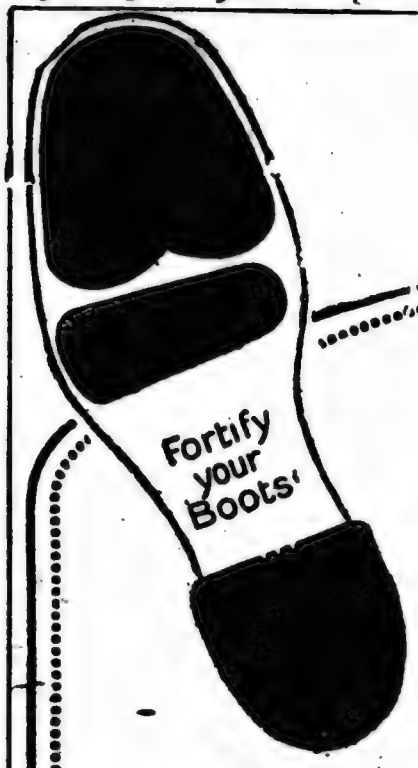
Assuming that the Chancellor of the Exchequer takes a daily paper, he cannot fail to have noticed the tremendous amount of share capital recently offered to the public. Each week sees millions asked for by promoters—and obtained : "over-subscribed" is the order of the day. All this money could have been his had he over-ridden prejudice and issued Premium Bonds. Meanwhile, the Funds get nearer being "discounted out"; what time the new 5½ per cent. Exchequer Loan is a "wash-out." What a contrast ! —STANLEY H. G. MILLINGTON, Rutland Gardens, Harringay.

Light the 'Bus Top.

The London General Omnibus Company should provide lights on the tops of 'buses. Even a small light in the front, showing down gangway, would save the public much trouble and discomfort. A few days ago I climbed on one type of bus which has only "single" seats on the left side. In the darkness I did not perceive this and sat down—on the roof——much to my discomfort, while a few yards further on a lady had the same experience, and was really hurt. A light would remove this danger and win the thanks of a suffering public.—C. W. BATTAMS, Albion Road, Stoke Newington, N.

An "Employment Week."

The recruiting and "War Bonds" campaigns and the willingness with which the calls were answered are still fresh in our memory. Unemployment is to-day the principal deterrent to complete harmony and reconstruction. If a great "Employment Week" were held throughout the country, organised upon similar lines to those other "weeks" in the past, the results would prove once again the solidity of our democratic nation. Let city vie with city, and town with town, to shorten that list of unemployed just as they raised battalions of men and millions of money—with a blue riband for every town or city which could show that not one man within its boundaries who answered the call and wanted work upon return remains without it.—H. S. DAVISON, Denville, Havant.



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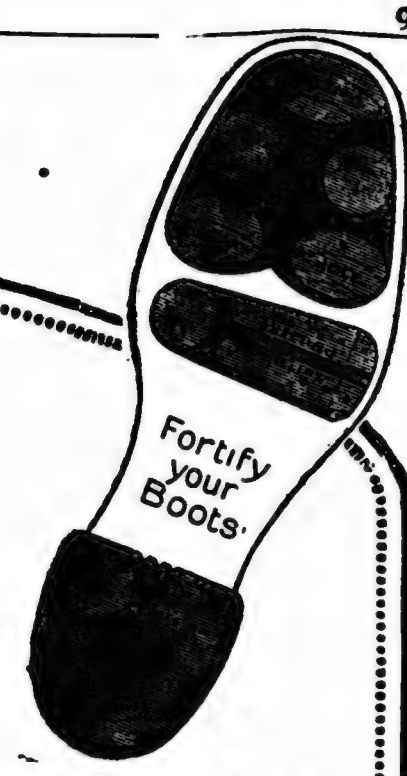

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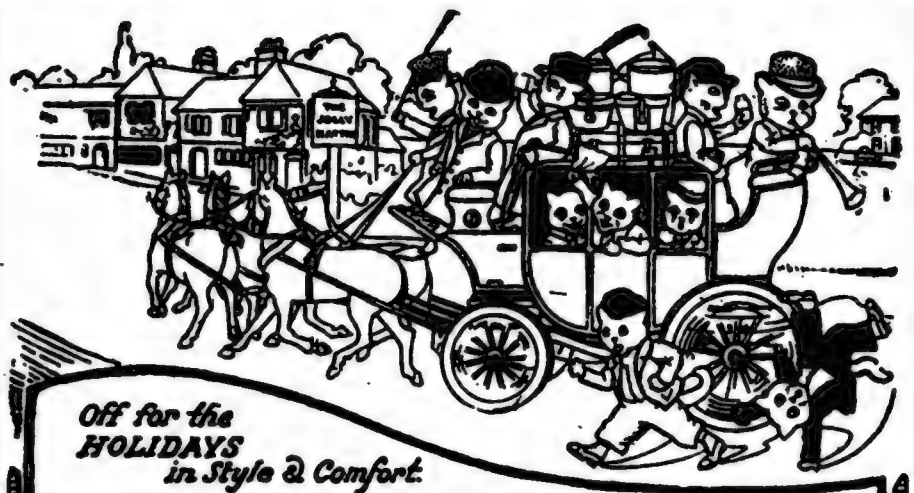

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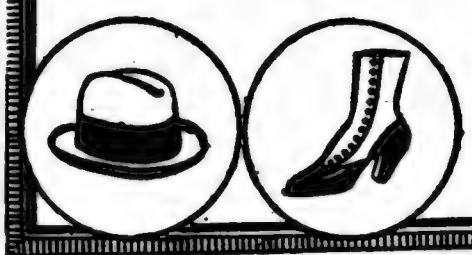

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HOW true was that saying of Clemenceau—that we should find the making of the Peace more difficult than the winning of the War! Poor old fellow, *he* found it so difficult that he had to resign the job—splendidly as he had personified the great Spirit of France during her hour of trial. And with Italy it has been the same; whilst America is on the point of overhauling the whole of her civil machinery—and we shall soon know Woodrow Wilson as President of the United States no more. Only in Britain do we go on with the old team practically unchanged—muddling and bungling through, with an army of official mediocrities of a dismal calibre such as I have never known before in upwards of thirty years of active public life. It never seems to have occurred to the Prime Minister that, as in the days of war so now, it is essential that the Peace Generals should be closely watched and occasionally superseded. Look at France. On the civil side, as I have said, even the old "Tiger" has been relieved of office, to make room for a particularly strong Premier in M. Millerand—with the result that Britain, whatever her just rights, no longer dominates the Supreme Council. Mr. Lloyd George has met his match—and the effect is seen in the rapidly improving Exchange, the franc having appreciated twenty points during the last two months, whilst the country is settling down in grim earnest to work. I was talking to Lord Derby the other day—just after the last Conference—and he said, "I am going back to a France more settled and prosperous than at any time since the war—I am sure the worst is over." Our Ambassador is a shrewd observer, and I shall stand on his opinion.

Sleepy Old England.

Now let us look at England—never mind about that silly Scottish objection to the word; "England" is good enough for me: 'Through the wide world, Great Mother, Wherever thy children roam—'England' is aye their watchword; 'England' to them is Home." And so, if you please, we will speak of England. Well, what have we done at home to adapt the machinery of State to the purposes of Peace? What new, strong men have been added to the Government since the signing of the Armistice? The Brothers Geddes still rule the roast—one of them representing us in America, after Viscount Grey had done his best to undo the work of Lord Reading, and the other—exalted to the position of a Transport Despot—holding, to a large extent, the Trade and Commerce of the country in his hands. Every man, it is said, has the defects of his qualities, and there can be no doubt that the Prime Minister's great defect is an absence of self-confidence, of quick decision, of the will to act. Wherefore he is always relying, with childlike faith, on somebody else. It was really pitiful how for a long period during the war he would never move without Lord Reading—with the result that for a whole year the Law Courts were deprived of the services (which they could ill spare) of the greatest Lord Chief Justice of modern times. Then there was his infatuation for the Geddes twins, to which I have already referred—whilst, to-day, I don't think he would dare order an egg for breakfast without first consulting Lord Riddell—of the *News of the World!* For the rest, he is content to leave matters in the hands of his drab Cabinet colleagues, paying an occasional visit to the House of Commons, just to have a look round, and now and then addressing a memorandum to the Public Departments adjuring them to be good and careful. I suppose he honestly thinks he has secured the best available talent which the two old Parties can produce, and "What more than that can I do?" he asks. But that is not the view of our old friend, the Man in the Street—who, after all, is the Government's master. He is growing impatient at the eternal claptrap and jargon of the Treasury Bench, and I propose to give expression to what is in his mind by suggesting that certain ministers should be thrown overboard, to give place to New Men. Let us begin with one who is very much on his trial just now. I refer to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. For Mr. Austen Chamberlain personally I have a very sincere regard. If he is somewhat on the sombre side, and takes life a little too seriously, that is because he is of the Birmingham School. But nobody doubts his high character—although I am cynical enough to suggest that when it comes to paying compliments to statesmen on the ground of personal character, you are, as a rule, excusing them for failure in their work. But be that as it may, Mr. Chamberlain is one of the "clean" men in politics to-day. You remember how promptly, whilst others were being whitewashed over Mesopotamia, he resigned from the India Office, although there was not a shadow of personal responsibility resting upon him for what had happened. And, although austere and aloof in manner, he is at heart a very human being. Have you ever noticed that tremor in his voice when he refers to "my father"? It is one of the warm notes of parliamentary life. And here is a little incident which occurred during the Second Reading debate on the Finance Bill. I had taken the liberty of moving its rejection, and in the course of my speech I had aroused the anger of the Chancellor, who during one of his interruptions hit the Despatch Box so hard that I expressed the hope that he "had not hurt his knuckles." And yet, after I had assured him that he had misunderstood what I had said, he passed over to me this delightful note: "I entirely accept your kindly expressed assurance that you had intended no offence. I daresay that sometimes, when as hard worked as now, I am over sensitive and over hasty.—A. C."

Why Chamberlain Must Go.

That was not exactly the action of a cold-blooded, hide-bound autocrat, as he is sometimes painted, was it? Still, despite these pretty amenities, I am constrained to suggest that Mr. Chamberlain should hand in his portfolio. He is saturated with the Treasury spirit; he thinks his "advisers" can do no wrong—the idea of *him* being *their* adviser would surely stop his heart beating! When I suggested that, before framing his Budget, he should have said to each of the spending Departments, "You can have so much during the present financial year, and no more," he was terribly shocked; and I read a memorandum addressed to these Departments, urging them not to ask for less than they really required—in order to avoid the necessity for Supplementary Estimates! I condemned his Budget as being based upon Fictitious Figures, Fanciful Facts and Preposterous Predictions, and as involving a gross breach of ministerial faith in regard to Excess Profit Duty and other matters. Can anyone now doubt that I was right? I never could see the possibility of his weathering the storm which his financial antics were bound to produce—and now he is fairly in for it. No doubt the faithful Coalition hacks will come to his rescue—for, as I have pointed out, their courage (as expressed in the Smoking Room!) evaporates in the presence of the Whips. But my appeal is to the Prime Minister to strengthen his Government, and to save the country from a grave commercial crisis, by calling in an Exchequer Chancellor more in touch with the Business Community and with public sentiment. Never mind if he can't talk—after all, most of the Budget speeches are read from memoranda prepared by the Permanent Officials—*so long as he understands Finance and Trade and Commerce.*

My Charges Against the Chancellor.

Now, what are the charges which may fairly be brought against the Chancellor of the Exchequer? First of all—and I speak with absolute conviction—he is primarily responsible for the orgy of waste in our public expenditure which is at present agitating the mind, and arousing the indignation, of the whole country. What I can't get Mr. Chamberlain to understand is that he is something more than the mere Paymaster of the nation—he is the guardian

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-Financial Foolery Ruining British Trade.

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of the public purse. He is all wrong in his theory of "collective Cabinet responsibility for expenditure"; he should tell the Cabinet just how much money he can let it have for the financial service of the year, and that if any member of it insists on more than his ration, either that member or he himself must make room for somebody else. That, I know, is the policy of a strong man, but the condition of affairs to-day demands that a strong man, and only a strong man, should have the management and control of both Revenue and Expenditure. In other words, Mr. Chamberlain should act as the head of any great Business house would act in similar circumstances. *He* would send for the heads of the various Departments and say, "Each of you must prepare a revised estimate of expenses, and, at the same time, a plan for better and more economical production." Not only does the Chancellor not do this, but having taken for granted the demands made upon him, he actually goes out of his way to make quite sure that they ought not to be greater than they are. Listen to this, from that memorandum to the spending Departments to which I have already referred.

> Also that the requirement of the services shall be planned on such a scale that existing provision for expenditure will not be exceeded.

Of course, it is but fair to recognise that the object of the circular was to obviate as far as possible the necessity for Supplementary Estimates—a very vicious form of finance; but who will deny that its *effect* would be to encourage the services to increase rather than to reduce the amount of their indents upon the Treasury? Well, that is Charge Number One.

Killing Home Trade.

Next, I assert that, by his contortions over the Excess Profits Duty, Mr. Chamberlain has struck a serious blow at the reviving prosperity of the nation. Encouraged by the promise held out in his Budget speech of 1919—yes, I use the word "promise" deliberately, for the commercial community has no use for "terminological inexactitudes"—manufacturers and merchants laid their plans for a mighty effort to recover the trade lost through the war, and to capture new markets rendered possible by the defeat of Germany. It may have been quite right for the State to annex a large portion of the profits made by contractors and others out of the war. I was all for it, just as I would be for a levy upon all war wealth *if it could be done*—which it can't be. But to ask men to risk their capital in new enterprises, or in the extension of their plant, or in any other way, on the condition that if they fail they shall bear the loss, whilst if they succeed the State shall rope in the bulk of the profit, is the policy of official madness, qualified by cupidity, and based upon abysmal ignorance of commercial principles. A year ago Mr. Chamberlain appeared to recognise the fact, for this is what he said about the Excess Profits Duty:

> There are great objections to it. In the first place, it operates with unfairness and inequality as between firms of good pre-War standard and firms with a poor pre-War standard, or no pre-War standard at all. In the second place, at the existing high rate nobody can doubt that it has encouraged wasteful expenditure. When £4 out of every £5 would have gone to the State if not spent by the owner, he was inclined to lavish more expenditure on his own business. More than that, it cannot be doubted that a flat-rate of 80 per cent. on all profits over the pre-War standard . . . . . acts as a great deterrent to enterprise and industry, and a great deterrent to new developmen[t].

Would any ordinary man attaching the normal meaning to the King's English imagine for a moment that a year later the Chancellor would eat his words? And, in the face of this crushing condemnation of the tax, he now coolly proposes not to abolish it, as the whole Business world anticipated he would do, but to re-impose it at 60 instead of 40 per cent.! Can he wonder that he has lost the confidence of the whole commercial world? Can he wonder that many firms have already abandoned their programmes for the current year, and that others, by way of protest, are easing off as soon as their pre-War standard of profit has been reached? I met, the other day, a very big man of business, owning large works and employing some thousands of hands. He was on his way for a two months' Continental holiday. "Why should I bother about the business, just to give the Government my profits to fritter away in waste and extravagance? I could easily have kept the works going night and day, but now I am refusing orders and we shall not work full time any more this year. *Chamberlain will get no E.P.D. out of me this time!*" And that is how hundreds of others are talking.

Irritating Our Ally, France.

Then look at that stupid duty on sparkling wines. If it were likely to produce substantial revenue we might risk offending France, but to irritate our Ally, just when she is making a great effort at recovery, by the imposition of a tax on one of her principal exports—the market for which she has already lost in Germany, Russia and America—with the certainty that the effect will be to reduce consumption and not to raise revenue, is again an act of stupendous folly. Possibly, in accordance with precedent, Mr. Chamberlain will alter his mind on the subject, but the mischief has been done. I have been in France very frequently of late (No, I was *not* at either the Grand Steeplechase or the Grand Prix!), and I can say that this silly proposal has caused a feeling of great soreness in that country. Of course, from the point of view of placating Labour the tax was a shrewd one, although I could name quite a goodly few "Labour Leaders" who nowadays scorn the tankard of ale for the bottle of distilled sunshine. And why shouldn't they? Heaven knows, their lives are drab and monotonous enough!

Conventional Finance.

My next charge against Mr. Chamberlain is that he is so under the influence of the Permanent Officials that he dare not strike out any new line of his own. It is always and ever the same—Income Tax, Wines, Spirits, Beer and Tobacco! What on earth our Chancellors of the Exchequer would do if we all became tee-totalers and non-smokers Heaven alone knows! It would serve them right if we did so! But it is not only Convention which we are up against—Cant plays an important part. We raise money out of Drink and Smoking, and even out of Playing Cards, but let anyone suggest that the speculative instincts of the people should be enlisted in relief of taxation, and the whole Treasury Bench assumes the form of an unbroken line of eyes upturned to Heaven in holy horror. Take Premium Bonds—a perfectly sound form of investment, which would tap a vast fund of small money and provide a thousand millions for the Chancellor. France finds no difficulty in raising funds in this way, each issue being many times over subscribed. But the duds of Whitehall won't hear of it; and so Mr. Chamberlain, who before he came under their influence was all for the scheme, once more goes back upon his opinion, and whilst nominally leaving the House of Commons free to vote as it likes, resorts to every parliamentary device to defeat the project. And in the meantime all the "gilt-edged," orthodox securities of the Government stand at a big discount—their depreciation since the present Chancellor of the Exchequer came into office amounts to over three hundred million pounds. Could any condemnation of his policy speak more clearly? And so I could go on. But haven't I said enough to show that if we are not to lose in the days of Peace the Victory which our valour won in war, we must have new methods and new men at the helm of State, and particularly, at this crisis in our history, in the control of our national system of Finance. *What about a great Albert Hall meeting to open the eyes of the Prime Minister?*

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Home Rails "Boomlet."

I am not in the least surprised to see a revival of interest in Home Rails. I have persistently of late pointed out their attractiveness. While the war was on and the railways were of necessity compelled to give priority to Government requirements, it was only fair that the stockholders should have some guarantee for the security of their dividends. But the continuance in peace time of Government control, with no earthly prospect of nationalisation, stultifies all progress by the elimination of competition. The sound policy would seem to be a further revision of rates and fares to meet Labour demands and increased working expenses generally, and the early resumption of healthy pre-war competition. Thus both the public and the stockholders will benefit. It seems a great pity that Sir Eric Geddes' undoubtedly interesting announcement regarding the Government's plans in connection with the railways was not made in the House the other night—even if doing so meant a breach of the Rules of that assembly.

Bune Transport Services.

In some of the circulars which the promoters of this venture have issued, appealing particularly to ex-Service men to become partners in the scheme, it is adroitly suggested that there is some sort of connection with the Austin Motor Co. This company, of course, is so well-known and enjoys such a high reputation that the mention of its name at all in the circulars seemed to me somewhat extraordinary. And now comes the sequel. Mr. R. G. Ash, one of the Austin directors, writing from 479-483, Oxford Street, says: "We have not the remotest connection with it, and until one of our clients called our attention to the matter we had never heard of W. A. Bune or the Bune Transport Services."

Mexican Revival.

Mexico had a war—civil war—on its own account before the great European conflict broke out, and it has lasted longer. In fact, it is still going on spasmodically, and when one thinks of the advantage the country might have taken of the conditions created by the world-war the losses it has suffered are incalculable. Probably the recognition of this has determined the better elements to combine to restore order, and although comparatively little is known about the new President, Huerta, he has certainly taken a big step in the right direction by restoring the Mexican Railway to its proprietors. In the long years of revolution the company has piled up a debit balance of nearly £700,000, but when order is restored it is certain to receive compensation, and there seems ample justification for the recovery that has taken place in its securities. Mexico is enormously rich in natural resources.

Rubber "Waste."

The United Rubber Products, Ltd., is just now attracting attention. The business is that of utilising, by a special process, waste discarded rubber material for the re-manufacture of tyres and other rubber articles. The works are at Manchester, and since the inception of the business in September last, so great has been its progress that it has been necessary to acquire additional factories, with the result that the well-equipped works of Messrs. Oswald M'Dordell & Co., of Clayton, Manchester, and the business of Messrs. G. W. Laughton & Co., Ltd., also of Clayton, Manchester, a firm of excellent reputation, have been absorbed. It will be apparent that the raw material cost is very moderate, having regard to the fact that it is "waste." The capital is £250,000 and the present price of the shares is 2s. 3d.—at which figure they seem a good speculative purchse.

Blundell Hurst & Co.

This firm seems to have been flooding the country from Paris with circulars offering participation in the next draw of Credit Foncier Premium Bonds for a payment of 20s., or, in a series of six drawings, £4. Or you may buy a bond outright at 535 francs, which is fully £2 above the market value. Judging by my letter bag the scheme seems to be attractive to a good many people, but I must warn them that dealings in options are illegal in France. But what is more important than all—have the firm actually got the Bonds? All my information points to an early recovery by France and to be a bear of the Bonds would seem to be a dangerous thing.

Complicated Contracts.

I wonder what proportion of the subscribers to Mann, Bryan & Co., a provincial dry goods business, have taken the trouble to study the contracts relating to the sale of the property by the Bedford Syndicate. They are unusually complicated, and not particularly clear even to those who are accustomed to dealing with such problems. The effect of them, however, is that the vendors make a profit of £271,000 on the sale to the company, a further profit of £11,000 on underwriting, and yet another profit of £43,000 on passing on the ordinary shares at a premium of 4s. per share. From these amounts preliminary expenses estimated at £35,000 must be deducted, but even so the Bedford Syndicate seems to be doing remarkably well out of the transaction. Considering present inflated values, it is at least open to question whether the business will be able to carry such an additional burden with any degree of comfort when the inevitable reaction in prices occurs. In any event, I would strongly advise investors to give so debatable a financial proposition the go-by.

OUR FINANCIAL LETTER BAG.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

(All enquiries must be accompanied by a postal order for 1s., and bear the full name and address of correspondents as evidence of good faith.)

K. W. (Arran).—*Fine Cotton Spinners:* This is an excellent investment, and you should hold on in spite of the recent fall. *Trinidad Dominions* have fair prospects and look cheap.——P. R. (Southampton).—*French Bonds:* Cut the coupons off and give them to a bank for collection, or send them to the Credit National.——J. A. (Bishop Auckland).—*Commercial Glass:* The Company ought to do well for the present, but it will have to face much keener competition in the future.——F. S. (Durham).—*Bean Sejour* has made rather slow progress, but I think the shares are worth holding. Keep *Palmer's Shipbuilding*.——ANGAMOS (Antofogasta).—*Chillagoe*, so far from going into bankruptcy, sold its property (except certain coal mines) to the Queensland Government for £475,000. *London Maikop* would probably have given a good account of itself but for the war, which has also held up developments on the *London and Rhodesian Mining*. That kind of thing cannot be foreseen, even in the best-regulated speculations.—— M. S. B. (Clifton).—*Spiller's Milling:* The fall is mainly due to the doubling of the capital and a smaller dividend than was anticipated owing to the Government not settling its debts. I advise you to hold. *Tredegar Iron* and *National Provincial Bank* are excellent investments.——RUSTIC (Stonehouse).—*Investment:* I should not recommend a small retail business unless you can supervise it personally, and know how to buy the goods. I think *Home Railways* have an excellent chance of improving. I should take a bit of *North Western* or *Gt. Western* and divide the balance between more speculative stocks, like *Brighton Deferred, South Western Deferred, South Eastern Ord.* or *Gt. Central* 1894 *Preference*——F. W. D. (Dorking).—I think the *Colonial Corporation* are quite reliable, but of course they have their own goods to push at times. Their judgment, however, is generally sound. *Bradford* and *Croydon* stocks, *North Brit. Mercantile* and *Imperial Tobacco* would make a very good combination.——R. J. M. (Arundel).—*Consols:* There is not much risk of a further serious decline, and more chance of a moderate recovery. I think you should hold on, as you would not gain much by an exhange at present prices.——J. P. M. (Battersea).—*Indo-Chinese Rubber:* I referred to the matter last week. I am sorry you are a victim, but the directors appear to be acting quite honourably, and a compulsory liquidation would waste money.

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)

"A BOON AND A BLESSING."

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18th June, 1920.

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Please accept my thanks for the pen received safely. It is marvellous value and so far is proving itself a "boon and a blessing."

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COMPANY MEETING.

CHANNEL TUNNEL.

At the ordinary general meeting of the Channel Tunnel Co., Ltd., held June 25th, Baron d'Erlanger, the chairman, said that the position between France and Britain could not be allowed to rest entirely upon questions of material interest, but rather upon the feelings of the two nations as a whole. Entire confidence had to be established between the two nations, and he felt that the best proof of confidence we could give the French nation was to say we would build the Channel Tunnel. (Cheers.)

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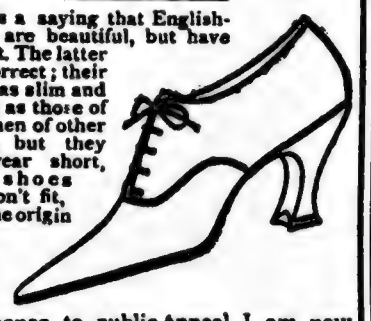

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WONDERFUL ENTERPRISE.

It is another striking example of the wonderful enterprise of the well-known firm of London Clothiers—The Holeproof Clothing Co., of 56, Theobald's Road, London, W.C.1—a firm determined at whatever cost to prove the wonderful wearing qualities of the now famous holeproof cloth, the cloth that will not wear out or tear, the cloth that is absolutely guaranteed for at least six months to withstand the hardest of hard-grinding wear and tear no matter how hard it is worn—every day in the week, and Sundays too. Should the smallest hole appear within this period, the garments are replaced free. This mystery cloth is not cord, and does not resemble cord; it is absolutely the same in appearance as the very finest tweeds and serges.

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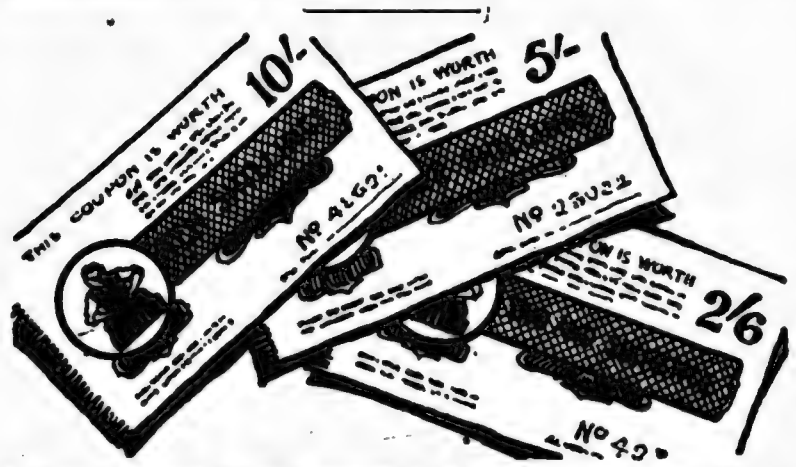

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JOHN BULL AT PLAY.

RACING, CRICKET, BOXING AND OTHER SPORTING NOTES.

RACING.

Viceroy's victory at Brighton last week may possibly be the forerunner of more successes for the Royal stable. We would nevertheless like to see an infusion of new blood in the Sandringham stud—a mare or two by such sires as Polymelus, or Orby would possibly put the racing establishment at Egerton House on a better and sounder footing.

A Respite for His Majesty.

Minus the pomp and ceremony of Ascot, racing on the July course must be far more enjoyable for His Majesty the King, who can therefore take a closer interest in his horses. He is to be present all the week at Newmarket, and maybe the Royal purple will be catching the Judge's eye on more than one occasion. John Green has only to pull round from his recent indisposition to register a popular victory in the Fulbourne Stakes.

London Cup.

There is but one explanation of the wretched acceptance for the London Cup. It is that Sweepstakes are not in favour with owners. The sooner the Stewards of the Jockey Club realise this, the better.

WEEK'S RACING SELECTIONS.

NEWMARKET—WEDNESDAY.
Soham Stakes—DAYSPRING.
Duke of Cambridge Handicap—STARSHOT.
Plantation Plate (1)—*BLACK GOWN.
Plantation Plate (2)—PHARPAR.
NEWMARKET—THURSDAY.
Girton Handicap—SUNNY PRINCESS.
Princess of Wales Stakes—*MANILARDO.
Exeter Stakes—MARMION.
July Cup—DIADEM.
NEWMARKET—FRIDAY.
Fulbourne Stakes—JOHN GREEN.
Ellesmere Stakes—ORPHEUS.
Princess' Plate (1)—*SUNDART.
Princess' Plate (2)—BELL METAL.
Waterbeach Handicap—IMPERTINENT.
WORCESTER—THURSDAY.
Stanton Plate—DISSOLVED.
Midsummer Plate—*GRANDE PLACE.
WORCESTER—FRIDAY.
Groswolde Welter—*SKYWAYS.
Worcestershire Plate—PRINCOX.
ALEXANDRA PARK—SATURDAY.
July Handicap—TAGRAG.
Public Sales Plate—VAISON.
London Cup—*ARDAVON.

Another Big Prize.

We are offering another big racing prize this week in connection with the Eclipse Stakes. £250 must be won for the correct, or nearest correct, placings of the first four horses. Free coupon on page iii. of cover.

LAWN TENNIS.

There has been no more popular personality at Wimbledon than the little Japanese player, Z. Shimidzu—a perfect little gentleman, who gives umpires and linesmen no trouble. When he had won his famous victory over A. H. Gobert, the big Frenchman, Shimidzu doffed his sun hat, bowed to the umpire, and shook hands with his opponent in an apologetic manner.

America v. France.

Next week, America will meet France at Eastbourne in the Davis Cup. The teams are not finally selected, but the gossip is that Gobert and Brugnon will represent France in the singles, that Gobert and Laurentz play the doubles, and that Johnston and Tilden will bear the full burden for America.

Lycett Rejected.

The winners of this match will play the British Isles at Scarborough in the following week. The British Isles have selected a team which appears to have no chance. The passing over of R. Lycett is a grievous error.

CRICKET.

The constitution of the England team for Australia is a fascinating problem. It is being said that J. W. H. T. Douglas will be asked to officiate as Captain, but another rumour has it that the choice may fall on "Reggie" Spooner, the immensely popular Lancastrian. Tradition, of course, calls for an amateur captain, but we would feel disposed to go in the face of it and suggest that J. B. Hobbs, with his superb knowledge, would make an ideal skipper.

ATHLETICS.

Whatever opinions may prevail as to the policy of embarking on the Olympic Games so soon after the war and in a reconstruction era, the fact that they are being held in Belgium inevitably weakens opposition. Thus it is to be hoped that Mr. Winston's appeal for funds to carry out the British scheme will not be made in vain. The King's subscription should give a lead to all good sportsmen.

GOLF.

Walter Hagen, of U.S.A., may not win the open Championship, but when it comes to "make up" he can leave the field standing. His general rig out is so amazing that it would take an ordinary player about four holes to settle down before getting over the shock. More startling still, however, has been some of the recent form of George Duncan, who has provided some of the most wonderful golf ever seen.

BOXING.

Joe Beckett and Tommy Burns are both very confident of victory; one or the other is going to be badly let down when they meet on the night of 16*th* July. Some of the *cognoscenti* pin their faith to Beckett's youth and strength; others plump for Tommy's cunning and experience; it should be a good battle which ever way it goes.

The Right Spirit.

Mr. A. G. Hales sends us word from the JOHN BULL Training Quarters at Herne Bay that a parcel containing seven sets of excellent boxing gloves, a couple of punching balls, and other adjuncts of a gymnasium reached him the other day, the unexpected gift coming from R. G. Paget and Sons, of Aldersgate Street, London. Attached to the sporting gift was a card carrying this message: "To help the British lads under JOHN BULL management bring back the World's Championship at all weights." Bravo, Pagets!

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A Bit of Hard Luck.

The big young fellow whom we found two months ago in the Black Country has so badly damaged one of his hands that he is out of the game for some months. He was a splendid chap, and we had high hopes of him.

A Bit of the Best.

The Cornish lad now at our headquarters is six foot in height, and tips the beam at thirteen-stone-eight in the "buff." We shall not keep awake o' nights wondering about the result if the German champion will meet the Cornish boy in the coming autumn.

An All-Round Invitation.

The athletes we have in hand are good—there may be better in Britain, but we have not run across them. Herne Bay is not hard to find—come and see if you are as good as you think you are; there is a place for you if you prove your quality. Don't write, Come.

Our Boys' Progress.

No one is going better at our quarters than our Black Country boy, Jim Slater; the hefty-middle-weight, improves every time he puts the gloves on—while Idris Jones, the most brilliant lightweight we could discover in Wales, came into our camp permanently on Wednesday last. Idris Jones, our seven-stone-four boy, and Glyn Stephens who goes seven-stone-ten, put up some dandy fighting whilst in training this week, while Chris Langdon, our "feather-weight," is fast working up to a high standard.

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"TOMMY."

Seeing Red:—When it was first whispered that the army was again to be dressed in red, we objected, saying, "Dress the Guards Brigade in the old kit if you like, but leave the Line alone." And, behold, that is what has now been agreed to by Mr. Churchill, after a fight.

Well, Rather!—A soldier lying in a guard-room in Ireland asks us whether he should be "clinked" for the following—he having been hungry at the time:—"(1) Absent from my post when on sentry duty; (2) breaking into the cookhouse; (3) stealing a comrade's rations." Our answer is in the affirmative, as they say in Parliament.

Concerning Rations:—The 865th Company R.A.S.C. in Belfast complain about the skimpiness of their rations and the miserable work put in by the cook-artist. And, by the way, why is so much "bully" served out to our troops at home? Possibly it is to get rid of uneaten war grub; but if this be so, we suggest that "plum and apple" should be included to remind our fellows of the horrors of the Front.

A Tip for Whitehall:—A staff officer—or two—should be despatched from Whitehall to the Manston aerodrome, near Margate, to investigate the many things that are wrong there. Thanet is not Prussia, and even our poor fellows who re-enlisted owing to unemployment are entitled to British treatment.

Oliver Twists:—R.A.S.C., M.T., men from Bulford are often sent with their lorries on journeys that last days, sometimes weeks. Like other mortals they must eat, even in these expensive times, and yet they are allowed only 2s. a day for this purpose, and have to sleep in their lorries. These men should get billeting money, and a proper allowance for food.

"JACK."

A Tip for the Captain:—The "owner" of H.M.S. *King George* might spend ten minutes with the men of the lower deck, asking for complaints. If he does so and provides remedies, his craft will be a happier ship.

Jack's Charter:—The first inter-port meeting of branch representatives in connection with the Lower Deck Welfare Committee will be held at Devonport on 12th inst.

"Dub Up":—The cheap travelling facilities granted to our sailors during the war have been cancelled, and now the handy man has the same inducement as the civilian to make him smile. He will pay the 50 per cent. extra impost—but will think.

Too Busy Now:—The other day we received a budget of letters from the Black Sea Destroyer Flotilla, asking when they would get leave. Since these were written things have changed in the East, and we fear that it will be many moons before holidays can be thought of.

OUR DAILY "THANK YOU."

From H. A. K., Ipswich:—

"With reference to your kind letter I beg to say that I have now received all that was due to me from the Pay-master General—three days after I had written to you. I must thank you for your kindness and trouble, and I knew you would have seen me through. I enclose £1 for your splendid charity fund. Wishing you health and further success—and you will always have the support of myself and friends."

"THE SILVER BADGERS."

Secretaries of Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' organisations, in sending cases of injustice or other information, should mark their envelopes "Silver Badgers."

The "Ceepecar."—The C.P.R. is a great force in Canada. Not only is it a railway; it is a huge—and supposed to be very Imperialistic—steamship concern. One of its pursers joined the Navy for the war, being assured that he would be re-employed when peace came. But he has been turned down on various hollow excuses. Fie on you "Ceepecar"! We are sorry to see you among the defaulters.

Huns—Eh?—Not a dozen miles from St. Paul's Cathedral is a firm bearing several distinctly alien names. When the King appealed to employers they took on some men, among them a blue-jacket who went through many scraps, including Zeebrugge. When the "honour" was gained out went our heroes, the excuse for their sacking being shortage of work, although the regular staff, who did not serve with the Flag, are doing overtime!

Experiments:—A Badger was discharged from the service with a partially broken neck, neuralgia of the brain, shrapnel still in his head, a wounded wrist, and rheumatism. He was granted a 100 per cent. pension, which was cut down to 80 per cent. and subsequently to 60 per cent., against which he appealed. The Chairman of the last Medical Board told him to work hard, as it would cure him.

And What Happened:—The poor man worked like a demon, but had to return to report that it had made him much worse. Note the reply of the experimenting doctor, who did not care a tinker's epithet about the man's finances—"I am very sorry, but your case was decided by theory, which does not always answer in practice." By all that is good and holy, will Parliament stand for this inhuman treatment of our disabled men?

"The Greatest of These—"

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Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

Hard Lines:—An ex-soldier has a pension of 8s. a week and cannot obtain employment. His wife is seriously ill, and his child is just recovering from a severe sickness. Naturally, the little family was in a state of extreme destitution.

Pawns of Fate:—Of a family of four, the father and the children have been under the doctor for some time—and now the mother, who bravely battled, has become an invalid. One of the youngsters has been ordered away to save its life. The mainstay of the family—a young fellow of 28—sacrificed himself for the Empire.

Much Trouble:—An ex-soldier, with an ill-paid job, has to live away from home—thus having double domestic expenses. His little child died, and as he could not face the cost of burial he applied to us—with the usual success.

Both Ill:—A Canadian soldier married a young London woman. He has no pension, and is now confined to his bed through illness. For some time the wife kept the home going, but now she cannot work, as an "interesting event" is imminent.

How They Try Us!—This in a most illiterate scrawl from Deptford:—"Mrs. B——, Stowage, deptford, Sir—I kindly righting you culd you help Mrs B——, has she is poor and got four childrens hand her husband is out off work and he been lad up poor childen not got no boots. Truly Mr. Sir F. W. Pitman vicar." We wonder what the Vicar will think of it. But all the cases of attempted fraud upon the Fund are not so simple of detection as this one.

An Explanation and an Appeal.

For some months past we have occupied this column with details of a single case—just as a sample of the many demands made upon our little Fund week in and week out. Some of our readers, however, seem to think that such cases are put forward as special appeals, which is not the fact. Our "tabloid" paragraphs in the preceding column contain the principal facts of the stories of distress which we receive day by day, our main object in enlarging upon a typical case being to show that there is tremendous and dire distress among the discharged men and their families, and that our great aim is to have our diminishing fund increased so that we may help *as many as possible*. When our citizens were jumping into khaki and shouldering rifles, a wave of enthusiasm swept over the country. Song writers and composers cudgelled their brains to evolve musical sentiment to prove our gratitude to the lads, and employers patted their young men on the head and said, "Go, my boy; do your best, and if you return you will find your job waiting for you." What has been the sequel? When the earlier wounded men were brought from beyond, dense crowds waited for them outside the railway termini, cheered, and waved their handkerchiefs to hearten our heroes—now the man in hospital blue, if he gets a look at all, it is one that plainly says, "Poor devil!" Tommy discovers that the hysterical sentiments of the early days were mostly "hot air." Our task is a sad one. We have intimate knowledge of the thousands of men—who did the deeds of super-soldiers and made our blood thrill when we read of their acts—who can now find no employment and are suffering with their wives and children—seldom with food in the house, often with illness among the family, and frequently with little new arrivals, without the necessary clothing and the food that the baby requires. It is up to you and ourselves. Will you, please, help? Every sixpence brings a ray of sunshine into a dreary "home," and we repeat that we gladly bear the full costs of the administration of the fund—which is great. The present falling off in contributions is not encouraging.

[The object of our Fund is to relieve (a) distressed ex-Soldiers and Sailors and their dependents, (b) suffering amongst the poor generally. No genuine appeal is ever refused, and although we see to it that adequate proof is presented in every case relieved, no harassing or degrading questions are put to applicants. Will you please help? All donations, gifts of clothing, etc., should be addressed to the Fund, at 98, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. All expenses of administration are borne by us.]

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[The EDITOR replies to, and chats with, some of his numerous correspondents.]

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C. H. D. (Vancouver).—"As to the present state of affairs in Ireland, the question arises, who is responsible for the same?" Some of the Irish.

H. B. (San Francisco).—Says an American paper:—"Commander Belknap is to a large extent responsible for sending two million men overseas without the loss of one single soldier." Those men nearly all came in British ships, guarded by the British Navy!

"AN ENGLISH GIRL" (Finsbury Park).—"Single girls have as much right to live as single men." Certainly. But they have no right to do a man out of a job. And if they collar all the jobs they will remain single.

"AGGRIEVED" (Sligo).—We are still not wholly without hope that sooner or later the Government will increase R. I. C. pensions.

"RICHMOND" (Surrey).—"What about those aliens sneaking back into the anarchist clubs of London, all biding their time for revolution?" We believe these places are kept under constant observation.

"LUCY" (Gt. Barrow).—It is certain that if the positions had been reversed the Huns wouldn't have mothered *our* starving children.

H. R. T. (Brighton).—It is *wise* economy the country needs. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

REV. P. H. (Ossett).—We have never seen any adequate reason why the Church should "turn its back upon the Stage." The Stage can do the Church a lot of good when it tries to.

MRS. S. (Catford).—"I am only one mother of many." Like mothers of some, you protest against the school age restrictions. In most cases the child is quite old enough and learned enough to leave at 14.

"THE ENGLISH CELT" (Edinburgh).—"Doubtless you think you are very smart." Not at all; but we seem to have made you—smart.

"TEMPLE OF WEALTH" (The Earth).—"There is absolutely no difference between Catholicism and Protestantism." We thought there was, but we live and learn.

A. R. (Stonehouse).—The compulsory closing of shops at certain hours in the evening is the sort of grandmotherly legislation we detest. The interests of shop assistants could be guarded without it.

N. T. (Dover).—If the masses were enabled to subscribe to Housing Bonds Schemes it would be "the keystone to a bridge over the swelling river of discontent." True, every word.

E. A. H. (Dover).—"Is this 'Wait and *Never* See' Government going to keep us without a glass of beer, etc., in the afternoon all through this summer?" Perhaps they want to drive us all to the Channel Islands, where the houses are open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.—or to some of our own rural districts, which are similarly happily situated.

"ONE WHO KNOWS" (S. Norwood).—"I think that General Dyer was quite right what he did, and done his duty well." So do we.

"REGULAR READER" (Brighton).—"If you see a nice dark beauty making eyes at you next week, bet your life it's me, so *beware!*" We always beware when dark eyes glance.

E. J. D. (New York) concludes a typical letter of Yankee abuse by wishing us "the *worst* of luck." So many other readers wish us the "best" that we still feel fairly secure.

N. H. R. (Brighton).—When you pay 18s. for cavorting in a dance hall, the proprietors ought to assure the safety of your tile. To go home with your napper unroofed is uncosy and looks suspish. What about the dear old County Court for the value of the trilby?

E. M. (Westcliff).—Your little boy found a diamond-studded gold watch, which was claimed by a lady who, after delay, rewarded him with 5s. Blessed is he that expecteth nothing; he may get a dollar (English).

ANONYMOUS.—Girl clerks at the omnibus offices are charged 3s. a week for their dinners. "Don't you think it time something was done to stop the profiteering?" Not much profit on that figure.

"AN ADMIRER" (Calgarry).—We post JOHN BULL to subscribers in Canada for 18s. per annum.

"MAC T." (Bradford).—"Is Dr. Addison, Minister of Health, a doctor? Has he ever done Public Health work? Is he qualified to do same?" His "qualifications" are: M.D., F.R.C.S., etc., whilst he was formerly a lecturer on anatomy at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

M. P. S. (London).—You'll find lots of trouble in the world, sonny, without getting up early of a morning in order to search for it.

F. W. R. (Birmingham).—Can't review the case against you. It's a fact that some motorists want all the road and half the pavement.

R. H. S. (Sidmouth).—We have not got the hang of your local Councillors, and our interference might easily lead to some of them getting the hang of us.

"ONLY A TEACHER" (Stalybridge).—We suggest the uncertificated teachers should try to get what they want through their Union.

"A FRIEND."—"Give the firm the good show up they deserve." No. You see, you state the firm's name, but not your own.

MRS. E. T. (Roker).—If you placed a reserve price on your furniture by written notice to the auctioneer, you have a remedy against one who disregarded it.

MRS. F. McC. (London, W.).—"He offered me 3s. 6d. for making a tailored skirt, which was 5s. before the war." We should have told him to go to where he would be able to sweat easier.

A. P. TROY (Kentish Town).—We don't think you need worry because a woman named Troy was an associate of the notorious Von Horst. There is scarcely a family name that has not been disgraced by someone at some time—even Smith!

"SOMEBODY IN MONTREAL."—We are long-suffering and can put up with much, but, when you write a few thousand words in pencil on tissue paper from a milliner's wrapping, you have got us beat. Mercy! mercy!

J. B.—"Germany, fighting bravely against tremendous odds, is reduced to beggary, and it is a vain hope to expect anything from her." Is it also a vain hope to expect anything more intelligent than the foregoing from you?

O. G. S. (Endell Street).—Yes, we gladly intimate to all concerned the existence of the National Ex-Service Men's Union of Temporary Civil Servants, 119, King's Road, Chelsea. May it flourish like the green bay tree.

Miss M. P. (Westcliff).—"I have had the measles but I am alright now." Measles are nasty things, and we hope you did not have many of them. By the by, "alright" is all wrong. Ask teacher.

PTE. H. C. (Preston).—"I think enclosed poem hits the editorial staff of our local paper." One more like it and they will all be in hospital.

W. J. S. (Southampton).—"Verily there are bigger idiots outside the Asylum than in." We make no comment on your statement.

P. H. (Windsor).—"If we had more holidays it would serve to bring our people more together." As many holidays as you like. But the difficulty is, who would have to pay for the extra ones?

S. P. (York).—You're evidently not to blame. After all, it's better to look like a fool than feel like one.

"MESSENGER."—We agree that Barclay's are not overpaying you at £2 5s. a week and 10s. bonus. Hope you don't waste any of the money on riotous living.

J. S. C. (London, W.).—"Bottomley's Battery is coming into action!" is not a bad slogan for by-elections, and would no doubt put the wind up the Party candidates.

J. B. S. (Bournville).—"A lot of inspiration I Can gather now and then From this unfailing pal of mine, My JOHN BULL Pen." Glad you don't rely wholly on coffee and wet towels.

W. H. (Weymouth).—In your youth bricklayers laid 1,000 bricks a day for wages of 8s. to 4s. 6d., while "now we pay £1 a day and they only lay 300, because their Unions prevent them." Which explodes the Trade Union promise that higher wages and shorter hours would result in increased production.

"AN OLD TEACHER" (Tuxford).—Your pension is absurdly inadequate, but we fear we should have great difficulty in convincing the Minister for Education to that effect.

H. H. (New Brighton).—We note that the Oxford Music Co., Victoria Road, New Brighton, is in no way connected with the concern of the same name—carrying on business at 3, New Oxford Street, London—on whose methods we recently commented.

A. E. K. (Brentwood).—If your local officials are so down on char-a-banc parties and the publicans who might dare to serve them, we shall not convey our beanfeasters in that direction.

A. B. (Gorleston).—"Whilst the organised masses of Labour are creating a new aristocracy out of the progeny of their present leaders. . . ." It sounds well, but we cannot quite make out what it means.

"READER" (Fernhill Heath).—"I confess I take a bath about 5 or 6 times a year." Whether you want it or not, eh? As you are a baker by trade it is, perhaps, as well to be so very particular.

"BULLROARER" (Bognor).—"Any man who *is* a man can master any woman in the world." Perhaps. It is equally true that any woman who *is* a woman can twist any man in the world round her little finger.

R. S. (Bryant and May Hut).—We once heard a parson say that St. Paul, speaking of Faith, Hope and Charity, did not mean "charity," but "love." We admired his pluck in correcting Paul.

J. A. (Liverpool).—"Do you think it fair that titled ladies should go and act for films?" If you mean that rich women of title take a salary, certainly not. Don't they come on with the crowd for a lark?

"A SAD ENGLISHMAN."—The Irish troubles are serious enough. Why add to them eight large pages of close writing? Put your point on a postcard, at half the cost.

M. B. (Hereford).—You were told "that in 1878, Oct. 18, we lost in the British Isles 600,000 lives in 24 hours by train, boat and other accidents, through a dense fog which lasted for that time." Your informant had best come out of his dense fog, or go into a lunatic asylum.

F. M. (Acton).—Yes, the "Spanish prisoner" fraud is being tried once more. But nobody ought to be taken in by a swindle so antique.

M. R. S. (Yeovil).—You've certainly fallen among it; and he that sitteth on a hornet's nest shall rise again.

A. G. H. (Chatham House, Ramsgate).—Thanks. Can't find space for the "Roll of Honour and War Records" of the school, but the Roll is certainly one of which you are entitled to feel proud.

F. L. S. (E.C.4).—The advertiser, we note, "would like correspondence with young woman used to sorting rabbit skins." Looks like a matter-o'-moneyal affair.

"READER" (Barnes).—Can quite realise how hard the struggle of life is for such as you. Any practical means which arises to make it easier will have our sympathy and support.

F. A. C. (N. Kensington).—"Wake up the responsible people for the way lavatory conditions are carried out at Hyde Park Ladies' Lavatory, Marble Arch." We mustn't look into those conditions. Complain to *Everywoman's*.

M. W. (Bungay).—"Free Trade is neither a principle nor an expedient, it is a —— disease." That is the way you edit the dictum of Disraeli.

F. C. (Wolverhampton).—We don't often have occasion to criticise the decisions of Stipendiary Magistrates, but we certainly do think it was rather stiff to hand out 7 days' "hard" to the Kingswinford woman for "receiving" three ha'porth of stolen coal, and the sentence was rightly commuted to a 20s. fine.

H. G. (Walton).—"I have been told that Sir —— —— is a cousin to my father. I wonder if it is true?" It would be more exciting if he were aunt to your nephew's cousin.

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)

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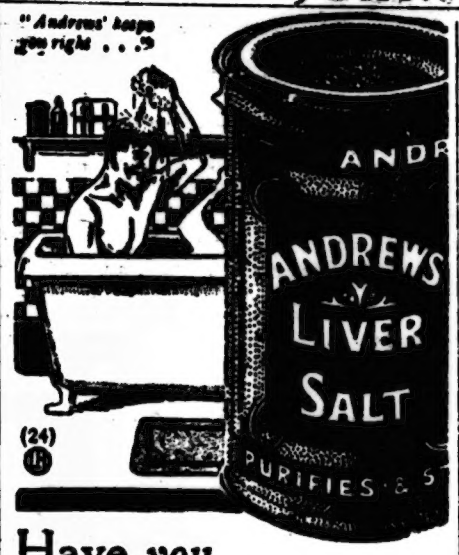
Send P.O., Dept. J., RAPID STEEL CO., Ltd 26, Shaftesbury Avenue, LONDON, W.1.



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"On the shelf in the Bathroom"—where the thoughtful and healthwise keep a Tin of Andrews' the year round. *Have you one there*—

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1/- *USUAL SIZE.* *FAMILY SIZE* **1/10**

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Tiny vegetable seeds that supersede pills and drugs in curing Liver Troubles, Stomach Disorders, Indigestion, Constipation, Biliousness, etc. Safe, simple, and certain. Ask for "Dr. Sands' Liver Seeds," and refuse substitutes.

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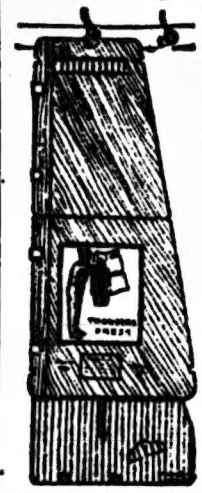

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LEAHEY'S TROUSER PRESS CO.
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LEARN Dutton's 24-hour Shorthand, 3/- per month secure speed of 100 words per minute. Specimen lesson 2d.—Dutton's College, Dept. J. 2, Skegness.

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HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First choose any of the Thirty-two examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you: Example —FAIR FIGHT. Bullet —FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent. Result of this Competition will be found in our issue dated July 24th.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 380.

ARRY PICKFORD	WHAT WINSTON WANTS	SEASIDE LANDLADY	TWOPENNY POST
OVERTAXED	TOP DOG	TRYING TO ECONOMISE	OUT OF TUNE
A BIT HOT	BLOWS OVER	TAKING BACK SEAT	NOT TAXED
NO GO	WHEN FLAPPERS BATHE	CARRYING ON	HAD ENOUGH
WE WANT TO KNOW	SIMPLY DRESSED	STARTING A STRIKE	WHEN TIED UP
A GOOD CATCH	UPS AND DOWNS	ALL OFF	RANK FAILURE
MAN IN POSSESSION	LONG STOCKING	REGULAR CUSTOMER	WELL LOOKED AFTER
GOING TO BLAZES	AFTER A STRUGGLE	WHEN FATHER SHOPS	SILLY ASS

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 8th.
Example____
Bullet
Example____
Bullet
(380) P.O. No.____ Signed____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address____
If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 6d. must be sent.

☞ If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 8th.
Example____
Bullet
Example____
Bullet
(380) P.O. No.____ Signed____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address____
If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 380. "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 8th.
Example____
Bullet
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Bullet
(380) P.O. No.____ Signed____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address____
If 3 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 8th.
Example____
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Bullet
(380) P.O. No.____ Signed____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address____
If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.

Selection of Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 381.

UNDERGROUND—DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS—OFFICIAL FIGURES—EYE TO BUSINESS—LITTLE BIT ON—ALL FOR THE BEST—MARKING TIME—GETTING OFF—NOTHING NEW—SEASIDE PROFITEER—SEAT OF TROUBLE—KEEPING HER PLACE—BEAUTY DOCTOR—BUILDING TRADE—GETTING BEHIND—RED ARMY—FAMILY SKELETON—SORRY OLD MAN—LONG AGO—WHEN FATHER BATHES

These examples can be made use of on the coupons above and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY July 15th.** All coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **381** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. **381**, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Thirty-two examples for Competition **380.**

Result of 378th 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:
Mrs. E. WEAVER,
16, Ashtree Road, Stirchley, Birmingham.

Example:—MAKING A NOISE.
Bullet:—QUIETLY—CORKS IN AMERICA.

SECOND PRIZE OF £25:
Mr. J. LEADER, 22, Harcourt St., Luton, Beds.
Example:—BY THE SEA.
Bullet:—NOT "RECOGNISED" AFTER.

THIRD PRIZE OF £15:
Mr. A. SINCLAIR, 18, Sudbourne Rd., Brixton, S.W.2.
Example:—BADLY NEEDED.
Bullet:—"SAVERS" AT HOME NOW.

10 Holiday Prizes of £10 each:

MR. C. HARRISON, 27, Market Street, Warrington:
LOVE LETTERS—"RAPID" THEN "CEASE FIRE."
MISS F. FISH, 9, Buckton Road, Cemetery Rd., Leeds:
BY THE SEA—COSTLY TO "KEEP GOING."
MR. J. WARNER, St. Gregory's, The Downs, Luton:
MAKING A NOISE—WHEN "HAVING IT OUT."
MR. T. EVANS, 44, Monk Street, Aberdare, Glam.:
NOBODY CARES—SO SOLDIER TURNS SOCIALIST.
MR. G. BARKER, JNR., 24, Alexandra Rd., Southampton:
FISHING—GERMANY SINCE "POACHING" FAILED.
MR. H. JOSEPH, c.o. McLay, 183, Kent Road, Glasgow:
KEEPING COOL—KAISER, 'TILL IRON'S HOT.
MR. E. ROBINSON, 4, Low Road, Higham, near Barnsley.
WHAT LABOUR EXPECTS—"NO TELLING" THESE DAYS
MR. R. CLATWORTHY, 30, Comely Bank Road, Egremont, Wallasey:
PLAYING WITH FIRE—DRIVER "TAKING TOO MANY."
MISS M. PALMER, 33, Oxford Street, Norwich:
BY THE SEA—TOMMY FORGETS OTHER FRONTS.
(Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon.)
MR. W. LINCOLN, 14, New Cross Road, S.E.14.:
TRADE UNIONISTS—"CALLED OUT"—BEFORE HURT.

10 Holiday Prizes of £5 each:

MRS. KERR, 50, Hedley St., South Shields:
BIG AND LITTLE—MILLIONAIRE'S INCOME AND GENEROSITY.
MR. S. MORNE, 8, Mead Row, Westminster Bridge Road, S.E.1.
TAKING NO NOTICE—OF CRITICISM—POLITICAL QUALIFICATION.
(Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon.)
MR. G. MARTINEAU, Details, 1st Royal Sussex Rgt., Aldershot:
PLAYING WITH FIRE—WILHELM SHOULD BE.
MR. H. GIBBONS, 119, Wood Street, Rugby:
GOOD DAY'S WORK—BUSINESS MAN'S HOLIDAY OFTEN.
MRS. W. CROSSLAND, 19, Somerset Road, Sheffield:
NOBODY CARES—UNTIL IT "STRIKES HOME."
MR. A. SURRIDGE, 17, Grove House Rd., Hornsey N.8.:
PLAYING WITH FIRE—RAILWAYMEN ON OTHER "PLATFORMS."
MR. R. TAYLOR, 44, Bellesboune Bldgs, Ratcliff, E.:
MAKING A NOISE—TO KEEP BABY QUIET.
MR. H. LEE, 78, Cromwell Road, Grays, Essex:
AMERICAN DRINKS—MAY DRIVE IRISHMEN HOME.
MR. S. SLAUGHTER, 7, Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk:
TAKING NO NOTICE—OF TIME—AMBITIOUS WORKER.
MR. E. P. LLOYD, Prince of Wales House, Mostyn, Chester:
WHAT LABOUR EXPECTS—WOULDN'T LEAVE CHANCELLOR ANYTHING.

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Complete List of all Cash and other Prizewinners can be seen at the Offices of "John Bull."

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1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed ____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

THE
JOHN BULL
GREAT FREE
FIRE
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COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed 5s. per annum. We offer it to you absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published from time to time.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM
TO BE RETAINED BY NEWSAGENT.

To .....
Newsagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice.

Signed .....

Address .....

July 3, 1920.

You must also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found next to this, and post it to JOHN BULL Insurance Dept. 63, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM
Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with

.....Newsagent, of

.....
and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee .....

Address .....

Signature of Insured .....
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Home Address .....

July 3, 1920. .....

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4. Any coupons received later than Wednesday, July 14th, will be disqualified.

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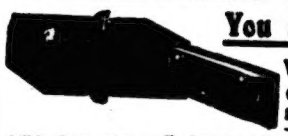

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